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AMERICAN HUSH-HUSH PLANES FOR FRANCE

Paris, To-day.
The radio announces news has just been received from Washington that a considerable number of American planes destined for France are being delivered, including fighters of a speed unknown to German military aviation.—Reuter.

GERMAN 'KULTUR'

London, To-day.
German airmen appear to be carrying out a campaign of frightfulness at the expense of Belgian civilians, says Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. in Belgium.

"Two examples of this were given me to-day by an eye-witness who can be regarded as an unimpeachable source," he cables.

In the first case German aircraft flew just over the housetops of a large Belgian town and went up and down over one of the principal streets firing their machine-guns.

Attack On Cars

The second case happened on a country road where three private motorcars, obviously not military vehicles, were travelling filled with refugees, including women and children.

Two German warplanes dived down and dropped a bomb which uprooted a tree which crashed across the road. The cars were forced to pull up and the German planes dived down and riddled the cars with machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

REFUGEE TRAINS REPORTED BOMBED

London, To-day.
According to a broadcast from the Dutch radio station at Hilversum the Germans bombed two trains full of women and children bound from Liege to Brussels.—Reuter.

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION, WHICH WAS GRAVE ON SATURDAY NIGHT, HAS NOW BEEN STABILISED AT THE WORST POINTS AND THE GERMAN BREAK-THROUGH HELD.

It is believed the stabilisation is due in some degree to the work of the R.A.F. The Government have no intention of leaving Brussels.

According to information received yesterday morning, the Germans succeeded in crossing the railway bridge over the Meuse, some miles north of Liege, at the same place where they crossed in 1914, and also the bridge on the Maastog-Tongres road to the Lower Albert Canal, which is guarded by Ebeneymael fortress.

M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, said to pressmen yesterday morning: "The situation is serious as we are faced by a great army. A terrible battle is only to be expected."

"The army are fighting with courage and Allied aid is most effective."

"The Government are certainly not leaving Brussels; that is out of the question."

German Object

Reports of enemy successes in the Limberg "appendix" and the Maasticht areas, indicate the German object is to dislocate the co-ordination between the Dutch and Belgian defence systems, states Reuter's military correspondent in London.

The correspondent adds the frontiers here have always been regarded as indefensible from eastern attacks, though no strategic surprise has been achieved.

A thrust towards the sea between the Dutch and Belgian defences would, however, expose the German flank to attack from the south, where the British Expeditionary Force has now taken up its prearranged positions.

The Suicide Squads

In regard to the parachute invasion, Reuter's military correspondent says it is a form of invasion which, even if carried out on the scale reported at Rotterdam, can only be really effective if the land forces with which it is in co-operation can make speedy progress.—Reuter.

French Counter-Attack

Brussels, To-day.
A Belgian army communiqué says: Lively encounters took place along the majority of the positions occupied by our troops, who succeeded in standing their ground despite the action of enemy armoured units supported by aircraft.

A French counter-attack against

enemy motorised units was successful, a great number of enemy tanks being destroyed.

An enemy attempt to cross the Albert Canal by boats failed.

Numerous aerial bombardments were carried out on the rear of our troops. Many planes were brought down in Belgium during the day.—Reuter.

R.A.F. BITES BEFORE BREAKFAST

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent With the R.A.F.)

Somewhere in France, To-day.

Seven German bombers before breakfast and three enemy fighters in the afternoon, is the record of one British squadron of Hurricanes manned by former Auxiliary pilots sometimes called "week-end" airmen.

The squadron only recently reached France but within 30 minutes of its arrival it shot down a raiding Heinkel.

Seven bombers were destroyed before breakfast yesterday, consisting of three Dorniers and four Heinkels.

One pilot alone damaged four enemy aircraft.

Three twin-engined Messerschmidt 110 fighters were destroyed in the afternoon and other machines so riddled with bullets that their safe return to Germany is considered extremely doubtful.—Reuter.

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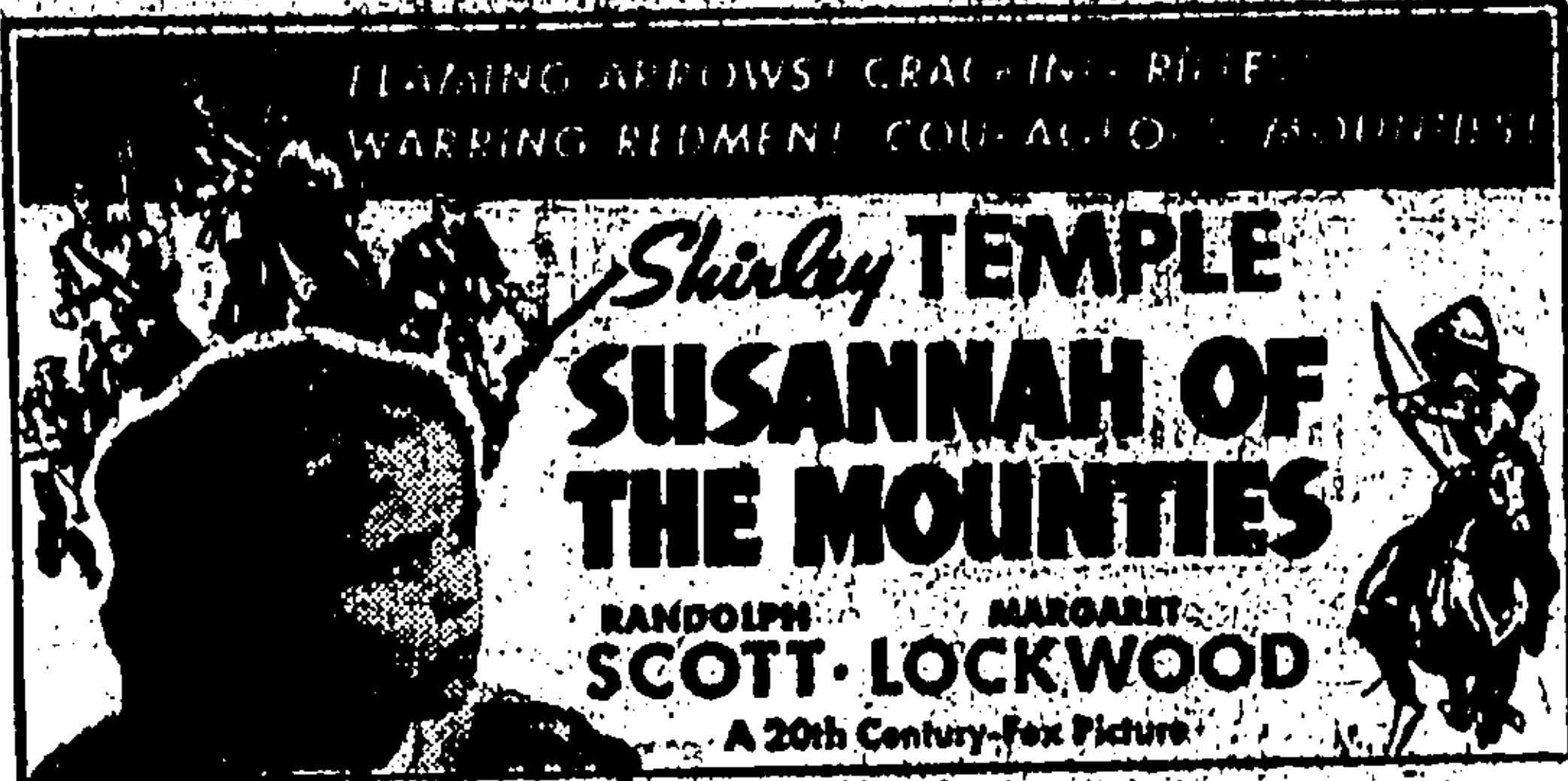
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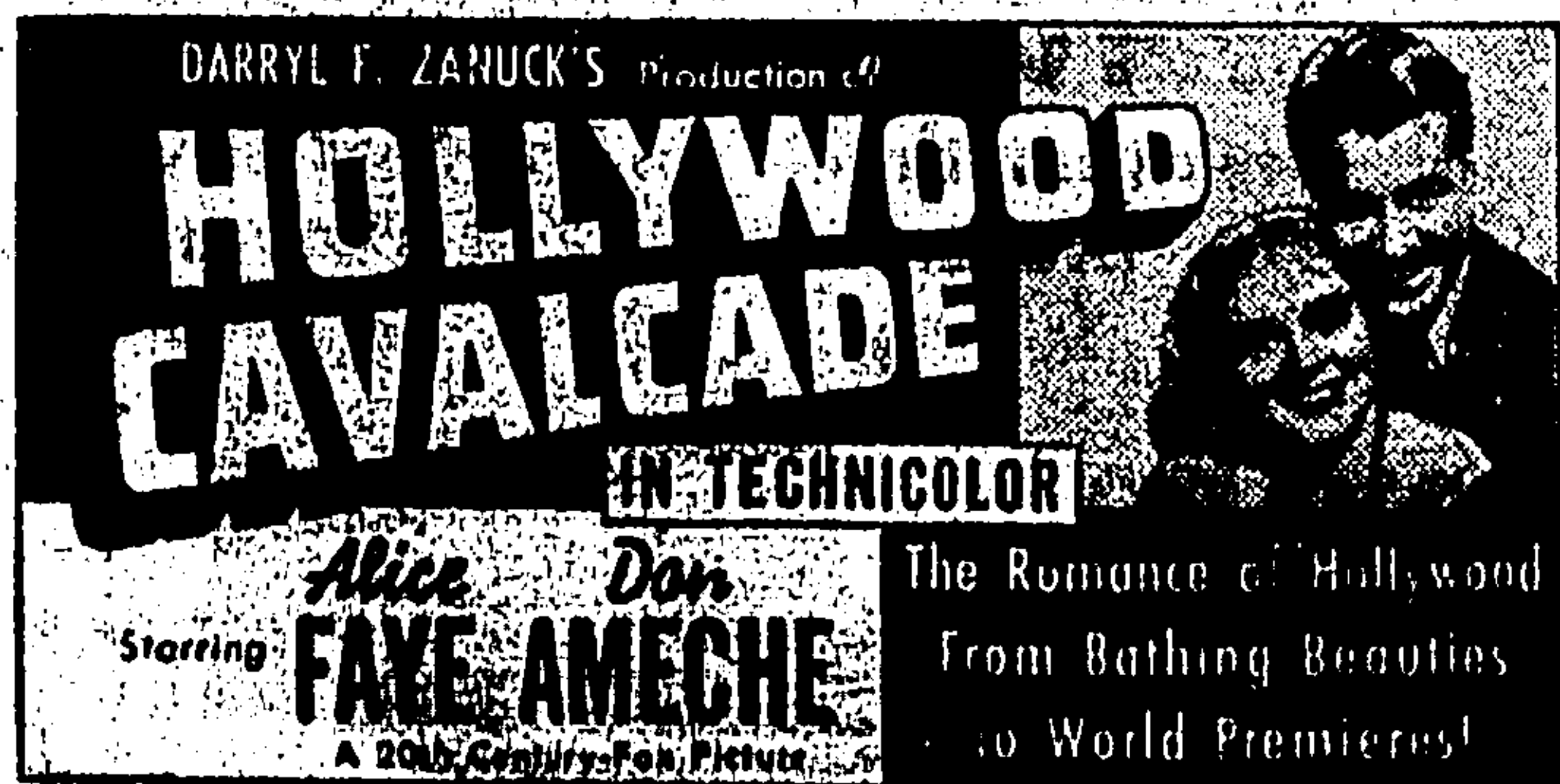
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Inside this safe is another fitted with a special lock, and here are kept the photographs, measurements and finger-prints of every Nazi secret agent, together with a list of all the hiding-places they might use in an emergency.

If one of these agents disobeys an order—and he may be instructed to commit kidnapping, arson, blackmail or even murder—Herr Himmler sends the spy's dossier to the counter-espionage service of the country where the man is at work.

This is one of the disclosures made by Colonel Victor K. Kaledin, a former Imperial Russian agent, in "Moscow-Berlin Secret Services," published by Hurst and Blackett at 12s. 6d.

The joint Anglo-American section of the Nazi spy organisation has, he states, a vast staff.

THE OLD-TIMER

"It is making strides unmatched by anything faintly visible on the dim horizon of espionage. The British intelligence Service does not underestimate this department of the German Secret Police. It is no news that the Department of State in Washington keeps an eye on it, too.

"Beyond that, any spotlight on the effective counter-measures taken by the two institutions obviously would be a criminal folly."

According to Colonel Kaledin, one of the chief organisers of Nazi espionage in Britain is "an amazing old-timer," Fraulein Klara vom Glase, who was in the service of the Tsar of Russia and afterwards of the Bolsheviks before Himmler found her employment in Berlin.

"Perfumed blackmail," the colonel says, is her principal weapon. She has directed the activities of the host of Nazis in London, and organised a great whispering campaign to belittle

the power of the Western Democracies and spread alarmist reports of the terror from the air.

REWARD FOR GIRLS

Up to the outbreak of war, most of her information from England came from German girls in service in London and elsewhere.

"The reward for passing information to Germany was to be placed on the voluntary espionage list—an honour which meant shopping facilities for the parents in Germany."

DRAFT DODGING

A mysterious woman is helping men of military age to feign unfitness for military service.

In an article in the current *British Medical Journal* warning doctors how certain unwilling young men pretend to have epilepsy, two cases of sham illness are mentioned. The same woman figures in both.

In the first case a "soldier of foreign extraction" pretended to have an epileptic fit while on leave.

He was put in hospital under observation for three weeks. He remained mentally and physically normal for a week.

On the eighth day he had a woman visitor. The following day the nurse could not rouse him and his stupor lasted 12 hours.

CONFEDERATE

The woman visitor is now believed to have been a confederate.

This same woman appears again in the case of a married man of 24 who arrived to see a doctor in London.

The usual story of family epilepsy and fits since childhood was given.

The man was not accompanied by his wife but by the woman who gave most of the information about the man in his application for a certificate of unfitness.

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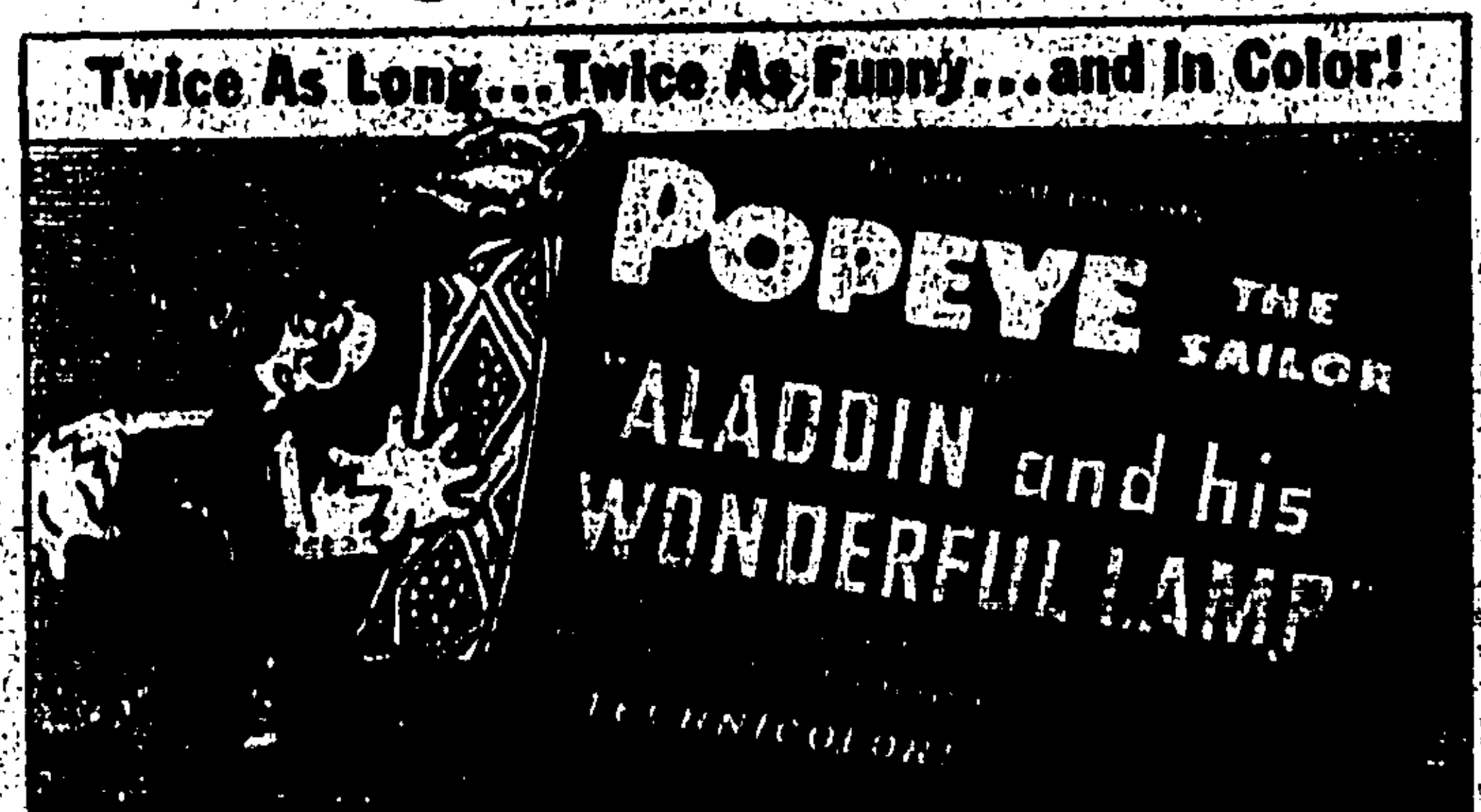


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EVENTUALITY NO. 1 FINDS ALLIES WELL PREPARED

London, To-day.

After eight months of waiting, the most likely form of German offensive of all those we have been considering and generally discussing has been launched, comments Captain Cyril Falls, Military Correspondent of "The Times."

The Low Countries have as big a significance to-day as at any time in military history, and it is against them that Germany has moved.

The Allied command was as ready as one can ever hope to be, and so were Holland and Belgium.

TURKEY PREPARES TO MOBILISE

Istanbul, To-day.

Measures to ensure instant mobilisation in the event of a sudden emergency are now being taken but it is emphasised they have no other significance.

They aim at bringing reserves up to strength; thus the military centres in Istanbul have begun calling up for census purposes and for review of their cases, eleven classes of reservists from 25 to 35 years of age, inclusive.

Reserve officers of all ranks, including generals, must report for their military situation to be reviewed.—Reuter.

DRAGGING OUT OF AN OLD ALIBI

New York, To-day.

The columnist of "The Sun," Dave Boon, says: "As the Nazis choose to start a blitzkrieg against Belgium and Holland in a religious season sacred to millions, they go out of their way to shock sensibilities. Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make Dictators, and the sound from heaven as of a rushing wind is not Hitler's air fleets but the rising indignation of the civilised world . . . you would think Adolf would stop dragging out that old alibi about the Allies being about to do the invading first. Any moment now von Ribbentrop will have a White Paper with a bedtime story about the Belgians and Dutch being in deadly peril of everyone except the Germans."—Reuter.

STANDARD FORMULA OF THE REICH

Gothenburg, To-day.

The newspaper "Goteborg Nytid" comments: "It seems that the Reich adopted a standard formula for attacks on small States. We believe that Germany cannot conquer Belgium this time, and that Germany took a fatal step when, against history's teaching, she tried to smash this proud people's right to live."—Reuter.

SHAMELESS REVERSAL OF ROLES

London, To-day.

The Berne newspaper, "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" comments: "Germany's repetition of the well-known comedy

Captain Falls thinks that a large number of defence schemes had been drawn up in view of various alternatives, so that possibly they could act at once on receipt of a code-word, and he thought it quite likely that the present situation lies under the heading of "Eventuality No. 1."

Both the Allies and their intended victims must have given thought to the use of parachute troops and troop planes, designed to seize positions behind the main defences and to generally create confusion, and also to the bombing of communications and nerve centres.

So far, these have constituted the main feature of the war, but the news so far does not suggest that there have been any of the mass infantry assaults of the last war. The intention of the German command seemed to be to weaken the framework of the defence to the greatest possible extent first.

No Tremendous Effort

The Germans have not yet put forth any tremendous efforts except in the air, and their hands are free to make any alternations in their plans they desire.

So, while all this looks like the crisis—especially as France has been bombed heavily and the Allies have been bombing military objectives in Germany—even now, things might take an unexpected form.

If the Germans do go all out, the most likely form seems to be a drive through southern Holland, south of the main water defences, to the sea. This would cut Holland off from Allied help, and the Germans would then try to overrun the country and establish air bases for use against Britain.

We have not under-estimated this danger, but to capture aerodromes and to establish these as air bases are very different matters.

The parachute attacks so far do not seem to have been as successful as might have been expected. They are less suitable in thickly-populated countries than they were in Norway.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT EXPRESSES AMERICA

New York, To-day.

The "New York Post" says: "President Roosevelt expressed the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American people when he condemned the brutal and unprovoked invasion of the Low Countries before the Pan-American Scientific Congress. He answered the question 'can Americans live if the Allies are defeated' with a straightforward 'No.'"

"Coming from a man who hates war as much as he hates Fascism, this was highly significant."—Reuter

with its shameless reversal of roles will deceive none. Instead, the general feeling will be one of disgust at the unscrupulousness of this manoeuvre."—Reuter.

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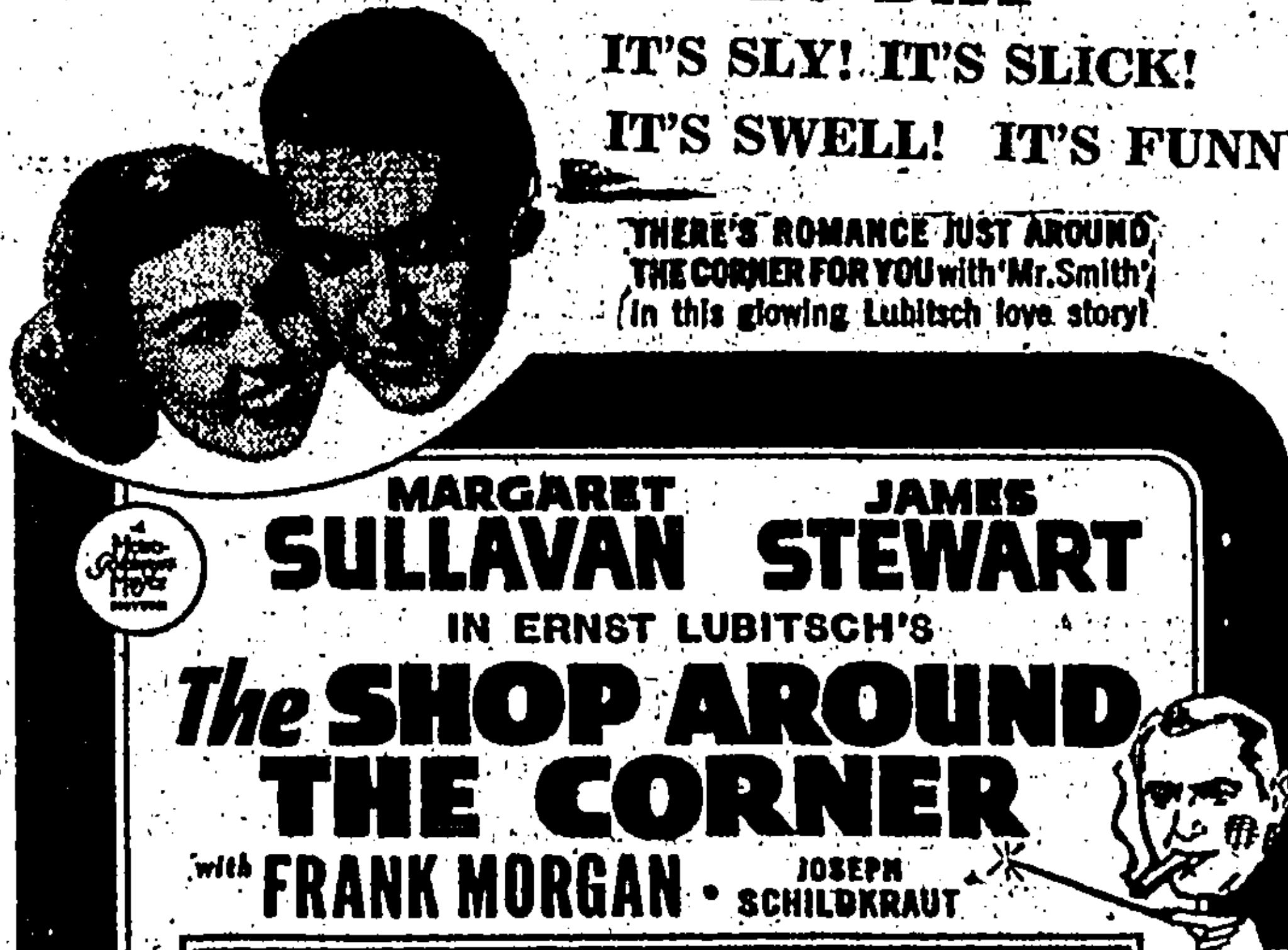
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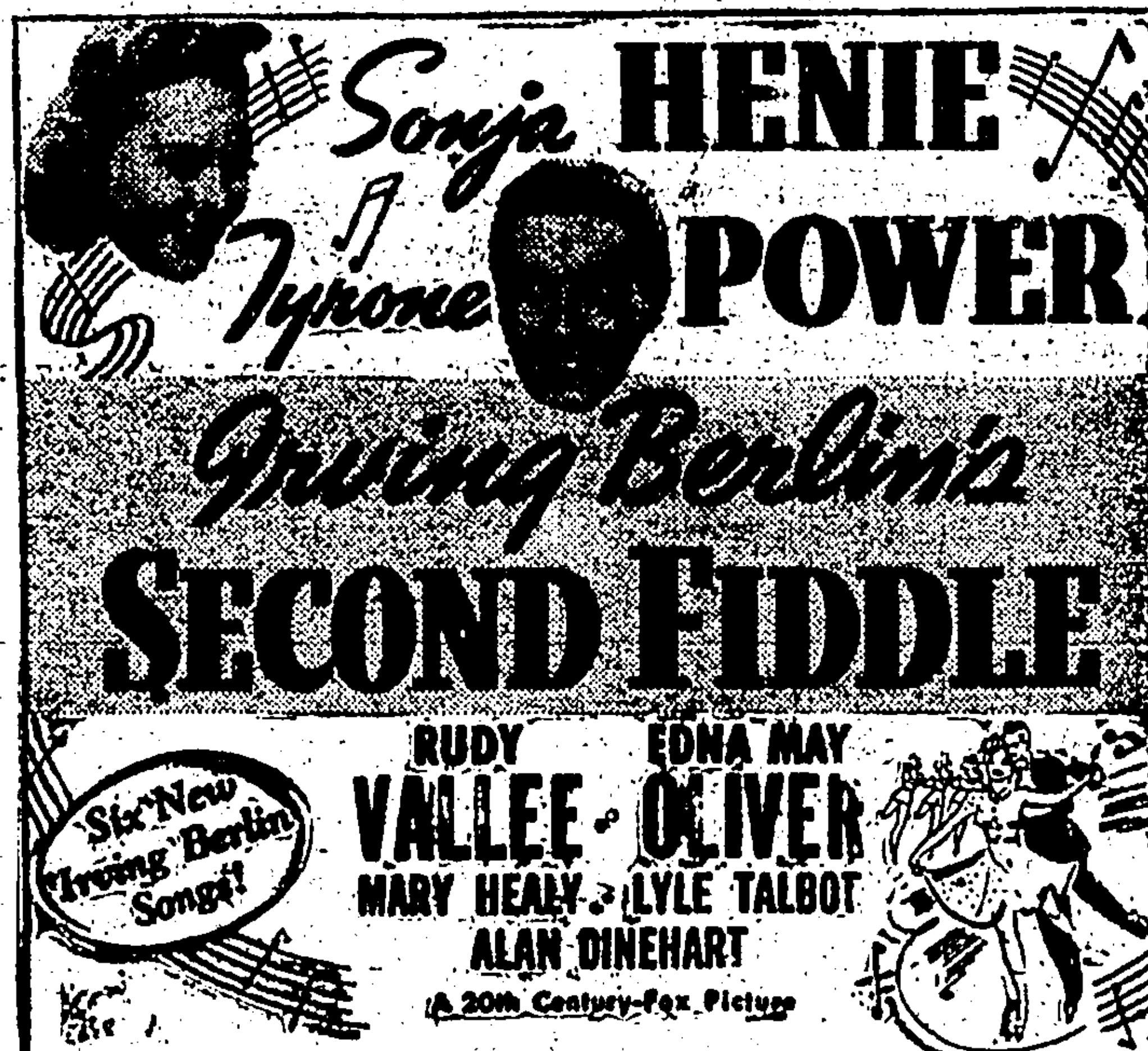
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ACTIVITY DEVELOPS ALONG MAGINOT LINE

German Artillery Keeps Up Violent Fire

Nazis Trying To Turn Flank?

London, To-day.

WITH SPEED AND PRECISION, Allied advance troops are taking up their posts beside the Dutch and Belgians, while more and more troops and mechanised and other equipment is pouring up to their support.

Events are developing in the Saarland south of Luxemburg. Here, at the northern end of the Maginot Line facing Germany, fighting broke out on Saturday night and German artillery is keeping up a violent fire.

Paris experts say that this is the most serious offensive against the Maginot Line, but its scale and significance remains to be seen.

The main German drive seems to be directed at the regions of the Albert Canal and the Moselle. This might mean that they are either trying to turn the flank of the Maginot Line or that they are trying to drive a wedge through to the sea between Belgium and Holland.

M. Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, said to press representatives yesterday that events are developing just as they were expected: by the Belgian general staff. Since Saturday night, the situation had more or less stabilised.

A Belgian communique says that Belgian troops are putting up an energetic resistance, defending step by step the positions assigned to them by the plans of operations. Enemy troops which had obtained a foothold in the defence system appeared to have made no important progress.

Little Headway

The German advance seems to have made little headway from Maastrecht towards Hasselt. Unconfirmed reports from Brussels yesterday afternoon stated that the Belgians had reformed their lines and had counter-attacked yesterday morning. Hasselt is only 15 miles from the Belgian frontier.

Heavy fighting is developing further south, in the mountainous, forest regions of the Belgian Ardennes.

Holland Steady

In southern Holland, the position seems to be static. For the most part, the Germans are being held in front of the Yssel river, which is the outermost of the several lines of the Dutch defence. Here and there crossings have been made, but they do not appear to be very important.

In the afternoon, the Brussels radio warned the populace that several hundred parachutists had come down near the Belgian capital during the night. Most of them were captured.

Forty German planes were shot down over Belgium on Saturday. — Reuter.

NAZIS IN MEXICO

Austin (Texas), Yesterday. The United States Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Joseph Danis, said in an interview here to-day that many Nazi agents are being worked into Mexico and that there is talk that they "are trying to worm their way" into the Mexican Government itself. — Reuter.

NAZI AMBASSADOR LEAVING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day. The German Ambassador to Brussels, von Buelow-Schwante, was expected to leave for the Reich last evening through France.

It is believed, however, he will not be allowed to cross the Swiss frontier as long as Belgium has not heard that her Ambassador in Berlin, M. Davignon, has been allowed to leave Germany. — Havas.

KING LEOPOLD REPLIES

London, To-day.

The King has received the following message from the King of the Belgians:—

"Your Majesty's far-reaching and encouraging message touched me deeply. It brings to me, in this grave hour through which my country is passing, valuable proof of the fidelity of the British people to their pledged word."

"The cause which Belgium is defending is sacred to my countrymen and I share the unshakable confidence which your message expresses in the free and independent future of our two countries." — Reuter.

AMERICA'S NAVAL SILENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States Navy maintained a tight-lipped silence yesterday as to whether or not the United States will move to prevent any possible action by Japan against the Netherlands East Indies as a result of Hitler's latest aggression.

It is significant, however, that on the eve of its departure for Home waters, the fleet was ordered to stay in Hawaii.

Britain would normally protect the Indies if Holland was at war because of the large British interests in the Indies, but Britain has now to give her entire attention to her own war.

In view of Britain's landing of troops to protect Iceland, there are strong rumours in Washington of some sort of a "gentleman's agreement," whereby Britain will cover the Atlantic and the United States the Pacific. There is no official confirmation of these rumours. — Havas.

ACTION AGAINST THE "DAILY WORKER"

London, Yesterday.

The Minister of Information has signed an Order prohibiting the despatch abroad of the Communist organ "Daily Worker" and the Fascist publication "Action."

The Ministry states the "Daily Worker" and "Action" are well known to make a practice of publishing allegations which create in the minds of neutrals misapprehension about British policy. — Reuter.

BELGIAN WORKERS' RALLY CALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, Yesterday.

The Labour Party and the Labour Federation have issued a statement stressing that all Belgian workers are ready to defend the national heritage of freedom. The statement expressed entire confidence in the Government. — Havas.

STUPID ALLEGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, Yesterday.

"Our Government rejects with indignation the German allegation that the Dutch Government had concluded agreements with foreign powers directed against Germany," declared the Foreign Minister in a telephone message to the Dutch Embassy in Washington. — Havas.

THROWING A RING ROUND THE HAGUE

London, Yesterday.

The Nazi parachute troops were trying to throw a ring round The Hague, declared the Dutch Foreign Minister.

He described The Hague as the largest village in the world, and said it had never been a town, let alone a defended town. — Reuter.

ALLIES SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO NARVIK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Considerable Allied reinforcements have arrived at Narvik in the region of Tromsø, according to a radio announcement.

The Allies are apparently making extensive preparations for a final push against the German occupied harbour, the Norwegian communique adds. — Havas.

OFF THE RECORD

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R.N.R. OFFICER CHARGED

London, To-day.

An R.N.R. officer who is alleged to have taken a copy of a secret letter from General Headquarters of the B.E.F. and sent it to his brother in England has been committed for trial at Exeter under the Official Secrets Act.

The officer, Sub-Lieutenant Montague Patrick Kingston Fyrth, of Bridport, Dorset, was arrested at Southampton on his arrival from France.

He was charged with having in his possession information to which he had access owing to his position in the Service and communicating it to his brother.

SECRET LETTER

Further charges against him were of having in his possession at Nantes, information which he used in a manner prejudicial to the State and of communicating to his brother information which might be useful to the enemy.

His brother, Hubert Fyrth, a student lecturer, of City Mansions, Exmouth-market, E.C., was charged with receiving information and communicating it to the *Daily Worker*. He was also accused of attempting to send information to Ronald Kidd at Exeter.

Mr. Maurice Crump, for the Director of Public Prosecutions, said that on December 14 a secret letter was received at B.E.F. headquarters from the French Mission and as a result a secret letter was sent from headquarters to all appropriate units.

UNCENSORED

Patrick Fyrth was officer of the watch on December 30 and had the letter and other documents under his guard. The letter he sent to his brother bore that date. It went through uncensored, as it was sent by an officer, and contained a verbatim copy of the secret order.

He wrote that he was sending the information because his brother was a reputable member of a political party and chairman of the Socialist Party of Exeter University, and could take such action as he thought fit.

Mr. Crump said that a letter addressed to a Mr. Ronald Kidd containing a copy of the secret order was found at Hubert Fyrth's lodgings. It had been sent by Hubert Fyrth and returned by the Post Office as it was insufficiently addressed.

Mr. Dudley Collard, defending, opposed the hearing of evidence in camera, saying, "I ask the Bench to look at the document and see whether it is such a secret or whether it is a trivial matter which it would be ludicrous to call secret."

He said the defendants had a complete answer to the charge.

Both defendants were committed for trial at the Old Bailey. Bail was refused.

CHOLERA INOCULATION

Throughout the week crowds have been flocking to different Government dispensaries and hospitals to secure inoculation against cholera.

"The response," state the Medical authorities, "has been very satisfactory."

It is again stressed that those who can should obtain inoculation from their own doctors, in order to leave the public dispensaries to those who have not the means.

FREE-FOR-ALL OVER WAITRESS

Tables, stools, bowls and crockery were used in a free-for-all at 2 a.m. yesterday in a teashop in Canton Road.

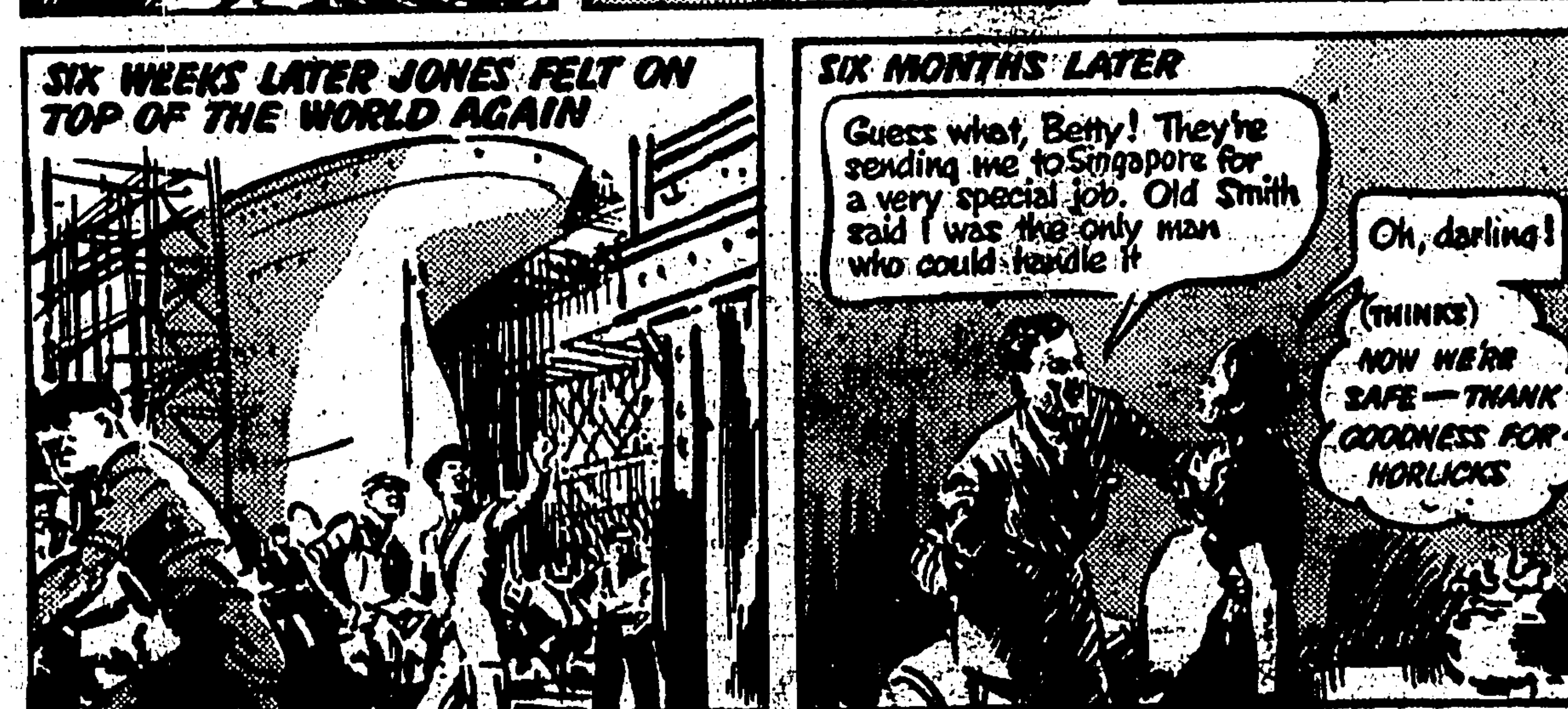
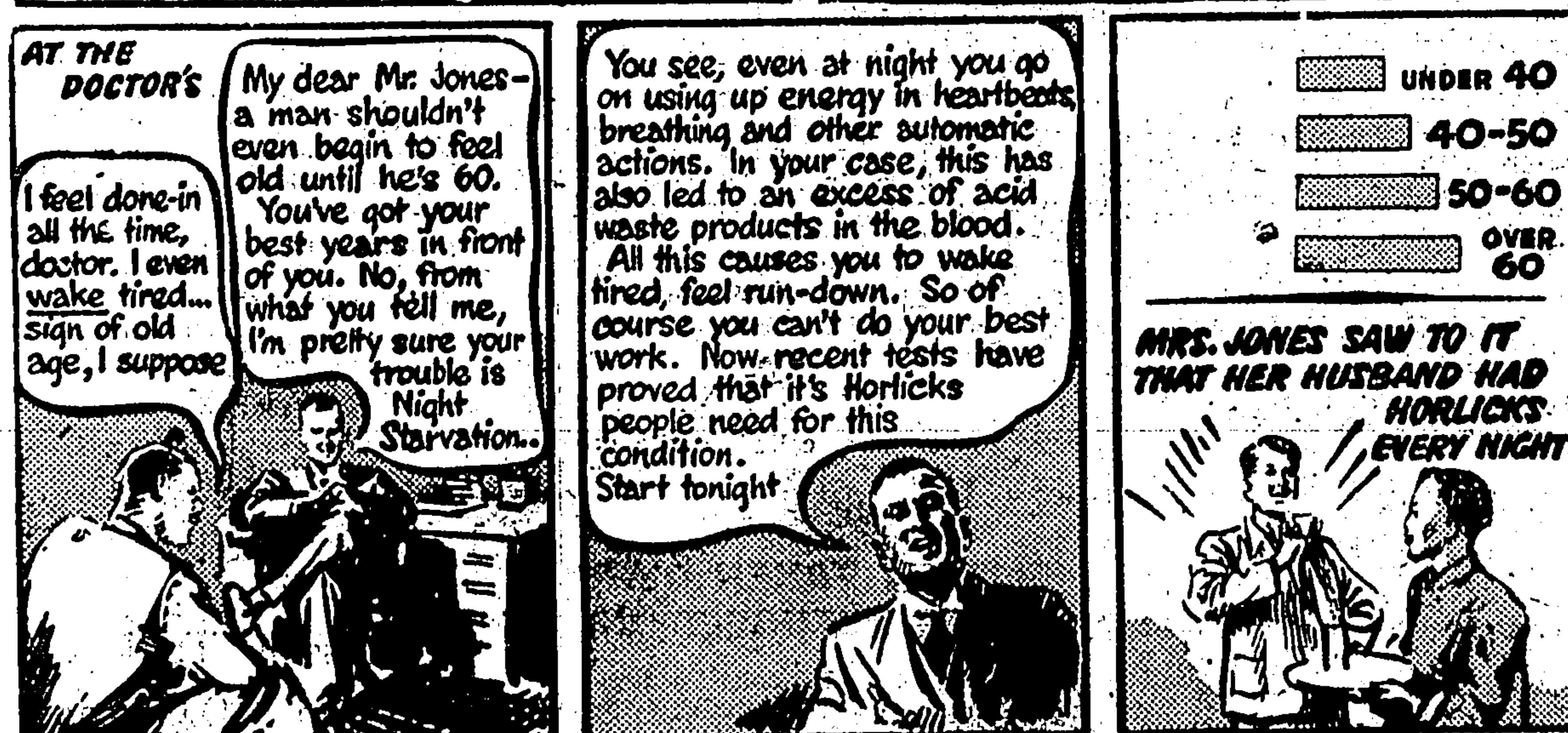
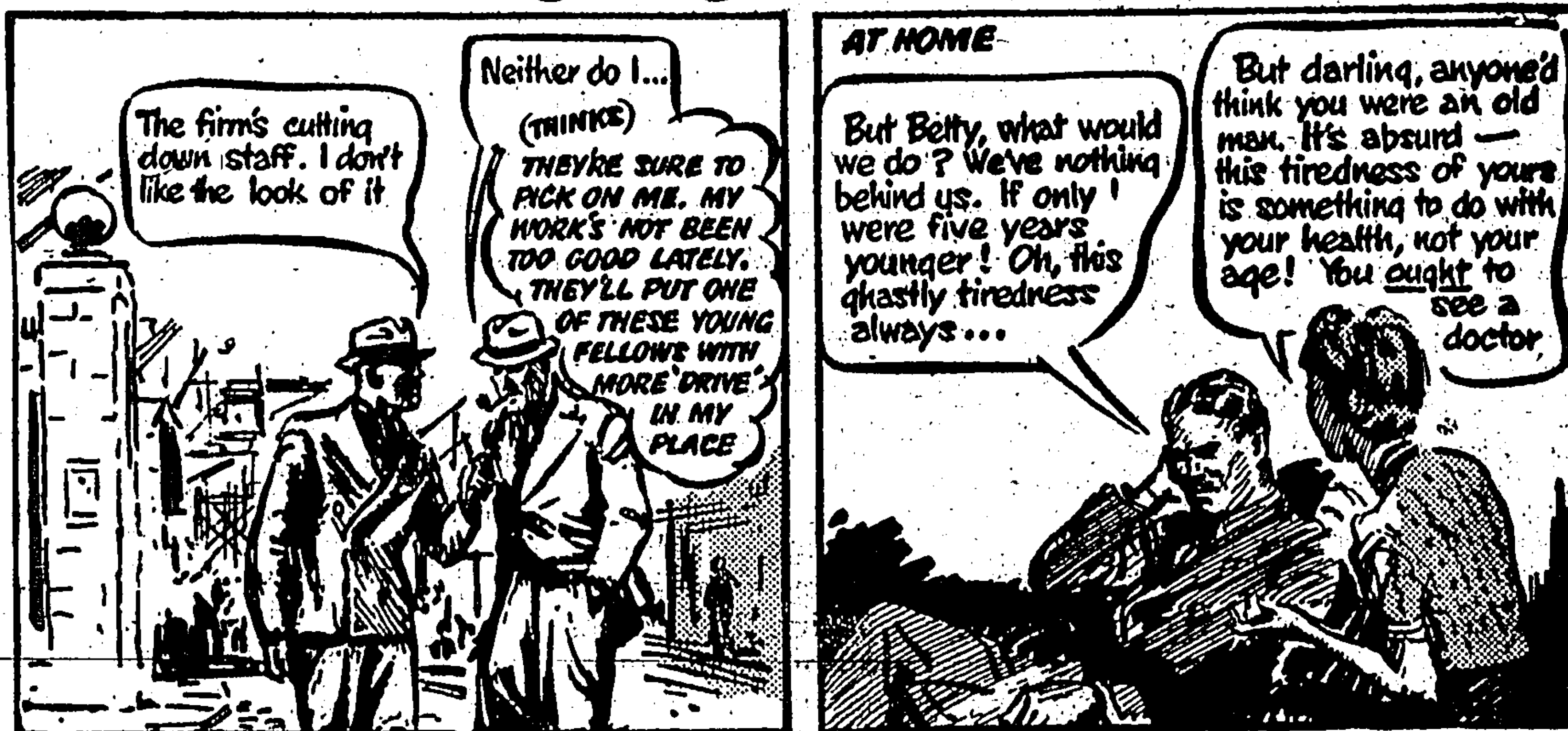
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The fight was between wharf coolies and Shanghai men over a waitress.



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ROME INCIDENTS: ITALIANS ASKED FOR EXPLANATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IT IS LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME HAS ASKED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR AN EXPLANATION OF AN INCIDENT IN ROME ON SATURDAY LAST WHEN MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MOLESTED.

It is further learned the Ambassador has been instructed by the British Government to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the "unfortunate impression" likely to be created by posters of an anti-British character.

These posters, which appeared on walls in Rome on Saturday, led to an incident in which an Englishman who tore down a poster was set upon by Blackshirts along with three friends, including an Englishwoman and an American, and chased into a hotel.

When Sir Charles Noel, the British Minister, intervened, an anti-British poster was stuck on his car but was removed after he had telephoned the Italian Foreign Office.

EXTREMIST METHODS

The activity of Fascist extremists is also evidenced by the burning of a number of copies of the Vatican organ, "Osservatore Romano," in the street last night.

Bundles of copies of this impartial newspaper are being bought up by mysterious persons as soon as they reach the newspaper kiosks in order to prevent them reaching the public.—Reuter.

EUPHRATES DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Baghdad, To-day.

A major disaster threatens as the Euphrates continues to rise.

Damage, estimated at several million pounds, has already been done.

A thousand peasant families have been evacuated from the flooded areas.

Volunteers, mostly students, are helping the army and police, to fill the breaches in the dams.

Relief work is being undertaken by the Red Cross under the patronage of Prince Regent Abdulilhan.—Havas.

CYCLIST FINED

"You bicycle riders take too much liberty on the road," said Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon yesterday when he imposed a \$5 fine on Chan Mui, 19, cook, who was charged with riding a bicycle in Nathan Road with both hands off the handle-bars.

Chan Mui had both hands crossed over his chest whilst riding about 50 yards.

IL DUCE INSPECTS FROM AIR

Rome, To-day.

Mussolini spent some hours yesterday piloting his three-engined bombing plane on a tour of inspection that reached as far as Monte Circeo, south of Rome, and the Pontine Marshes and Ostia.

An announcement says he was inspecting railway plant and lines.

The Duce yesterday received Marshal Graziani, Chief of the Army Staff, General Soddu, Under-Secretary of State for War, and Generals Pintor and Guzzoni.

The last two have been charged with perfecting the defences on the western frontier, in the Littorio Alps.

Reports are circulating that new classes have been called to the colours by individual summons.—Reuter.

WEMBLEY TAKEN OVER FOR REFUGEES

London, To-day.

The Empire Sports Arena at Wembley has been requisitioned by the Government to accommodate Dutch and Belgian refugees. It is understood this is part of the Ministry of Health scheme in which a large number of metropolitan boroughs are co-operating in preparation for an influx of refugees.—Reuter.

WOMAN JUMPS INTO RESERVOIR

A well-dressed Chinese woman, about 30 years of age, was seen to jump into the reservoir at Aberdeen, at 1.15 p.m. on Saturday by a Chinese watchman.

The watchman rushed to the spot but the body had already disappeared below the water.

SUBURBS OF LILLE BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, Yesterday.

An official communique says that German planes dropped bombs over the suburbs of Lille and in the neighbourhood of Abbeville and Hazebrouck, in northern France.

A German plane was downed near Hazebrouck and the crew taken prisoner.

In the mining district of Pas-de-Calais, German bombs caused several casualties. Three enemy planes were downed and four Nazi airmen captured.

Twenty bombs were dropped on Dunkirk, causing several casualties.

A certain number of casualties also occurred at Valenciennes, St. Amand and Colmar.—Havas.

Chased Off From Brussels

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, Yesterday.

German air activity was resumed early this morning when German bombers were sighted passing the frontier in the general direction of Namur and Dinan.

Planes appeared over Brussels at a low height and were chased by Belgian fighters.—Havas.

100 PLANES SHOT DOWN IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

More than 100 German planes were shot down over Belgium yesterday by the Allied air forces.

Officials here are calm.

One hundred Nazi parachutists were dropped round Brussels yesterday morning but they are being dealt with.

There were several air raid warnings in the morning and heavy detonations were audible from the centre of the city.

Many Rumours

Some thought they were not bombs but heavy artillery shells falling on the Belgian second defence lines.

Refugees from the Albert Canal region are now appearing in Brussels.

The city is quite calm despite the many rumours flying round.—Reuter.

"WANTED"

The Police are still unable to locate the two men wanted in connection with the shooting of the late Mr. Jean Dubois, manager of Messrs. Sennet Freres.

Li Yuk-shuk, 26, who was wounded in the hand and arrested is likely to be discharged from hospital during the week.

He will be charged with murder.

ITALY GETTING WORKED UP

Rome, To-day.

The Allied contraband control is again severely criticised by the newspapers following the publication of a report by the Italian Bureau of Economic Warfare.

Sighor Gayda, in "Voce d'Italia," describes the control as "an open and brutal violation of every principle of liberty on the sea."—Reuter.

148 DEAD; 337 INJURED

Civilian Casualties In Nazi Raids On France

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The newspaper "Le Matin" says 148 civilians were killed and 337 wounded during German air raids over France.

Among the localities bombed "Le Matin" mentions Suippes, Valenciennes, St. Die, Remiremont, Gerardmer, Clermont-Ferrand and several villages in the Loiret Department.—Havas.

WOMAN AND BOY KILLED IN WEST POINT TRAGEDY

A CHOPPER USED FREELY IN THE COURSE OF A DOMESTIC QUARREL IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF A 85-YEAR-OLD CHINESE WOMAN, AU SZE, AND HER 11-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW, CHU YIK-WAH, SHORTLY AFTER 10 P.M. LAST NIGHT.

The bodies of the women and boy are now lying in the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

The quarrel took place at No. 33, Hei Wong Terrace at West Point, and a 32-year-old woman, alleged to have been involved in the dispute, was admitted, suffering from serious head injuries, to the Queen Mary Hospital. Another woman, with injuries to her left hand was sent to the Observation Ward in the Hospital.

BRITAIN AND BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.

Government circles categorically deny rumours of political approaches to Bulgaria by Great Britain through the Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, during the latter's visit to Sofia.

Reports from foreign sources had asserted that Sir Hughe attended a meeting of several Bulgarian Ministers and military leaders, and made certain political and military suggestions.—Havas.

PRESIDENT LEBRUN'S MESSAGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

President Lebrun has sent messages of sympathy to the Sovereigns of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, emphasising that the three countries were "the victims of wanton aggression," and can rely on the full help of the French people.

M. Lebrun expressed full confidence in the final victory of the Allies.—Havas.

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THE CHURCHILL TEAM

Seven Further Important Ministers Announced

Sir Kingsley Wood Now Chancellor Of The Exchequer

London, To-day.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the new Premier, is announcing his Government by degrees, the names of Cabinet Ministers outside the War Cabinet being announced in London last evening.

Sir John Simon and Sir Kingsley Wood both have posts, and among the newcomers are Lord Lloyd (as Secretary for the Colonies), Mr. Herbert Morrison, the dynamic leader of the London County Council who, as expected, becomes Minister of Supply, and Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty and one of the Conservatives who rebelled against Mr. Chamberlain, who becomes Minister of Information.

Consultations are still proceeding with regard to other posts to be filled in the Government, and it is expected a further announcement will be made to-day.

The full list, as announced so far, is:—

- * Premier and Defence Minister—Mr. Winston Churchill.
- * Lord President of the Council—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.
- * Lord Privy Seal—Mr. C. R. Attlee.
- * Foreign Secretary—Lord Halifax.
- * Without Portfolio—Mr. Arthur Greenwood.

- Admiralty—Mr. A. V. Alexander.
- War—Mr. Anthony Eden.
- Air—Sir Archibald Sinclair.
- Lord Chancellor—Sir John Simon.
- Colonies—Lord Lloyd.
- Exchequer—Sir Kingsley Wood.
- Home Secretary—Sir John Anderson.

- Supply—Mr. Herbert Morrison.
- Information—Mr. A. Duff-Cooper.
- Board of Trade—Sir Andrew Duncan.
- * War Cabinet.

Likely Candidates

Meanwhile, several of the Government supporters who voted against the Chamberlain Government are expected to get office, including Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, Mr. Richard Law (son of the late Bonar Law) and Mr. Robert Boothby.

Two other Labour men, Mr. Hugh Dalton and Mr. Ernest Bevin, are expected to have important posts, and several Labour members will be appointed to posts among the Junior Ministers.

It is understood Mr. Hore-Belisha (former War Minister) and Sir Samuel Hoare (ex-Air Minister) will not be included in the new administration.

Labour Resolution

Meanwhile it is officially announced that Mr. Attlee will move at the Labour Party Conference at Bournemouth to-day a resolution endorsing the unanimous decision of the National Executive Committee that the party should take its share as full partner in the Government which, under the new Prime Minister, commands the nation's confidence.

The resolution, which is certain to receive an overwhelming majority, pledges the full support of the Con-

ference to the new Government "in its effort to secure a swift victory and a just peace."—Reuter.

Executives Agree

London, To-day.

The action of the Labour leaders in joining the Government has been approved by a joint meeting of the Trades Union Congress, the National Executive of the Labour Party and the Executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

A statement issued after the meeting records approval of the decision of the leaders "in their efforts to strengthen the machinery of government for the purpose of bringing the war to a successful conclusion."—Reuter.

STATUS QUO IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

London, To-day.

Authoritative circles state His Majesty's Government have previously expressed their interest in the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

This attitude remains unchanged and they have no intention whatever of intervening in the East Indies, nor has any suggestion been made from any quarter that they should do so.—Reuter.

NE.I. SENDS ROYAL MESSAGE

Batavia, To-day.

A loyal message was broadcast by the Netherlands East Indies to the home country yesterday, in the following words:—

"We are proud that you in Holland have resisted the enemy so fiercely. Never before have we had a better cause to die for or to live for.

"Long live the Fatherland!"—Reuter.

GERMAN PARACHUTISTS WARNED

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that Germans wearing any other uniform than their own, who may be found in France, will be immediately shot.

In Berlin the official Nazi news agency comes out with this one: "Immediate and most violent reprisals for any ill-treatment of German parachutists" will be taken.

The Nazi agency says the parachutists are "part of Germany's regular troops," and adds: "Their special uniform is not camouflaged and cannot be mistaken for the uniform of foreign armies or civilian clothes!"—Reuter.

Dutch Protest

The Hague, To-day.

German invaders, both land troops and parachutists, have been seen wearing Dutch uniforms, says a Government statement.

Protesting against this, the statement calls attention to Article 23 of The Hague Convention which expressly forbids such action.

The statement adds: "This violation of the laws of war does not stand alone. The Germans have not hesitated to put captured Dutch soldiers into their front line."—Reuter.

ALLIED AID IN D.W.I.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS EMPHASISED IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN LONDON THAT THE DESPATCH OF AN ALLIED FORCE TO CURACAO AND ANBARUBA, IN THE DUTCH WEST INDIES, WAS DECIDED IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNOR DISPOSED OF SUFFICIENT FORCES TO PREVENT SABOTAGE OF THE OIL REFINERIES.

Despite energetic action already taken by the Governor, it was considered essential that additional forces should be immediately available to cope with any emergency.

As soon as the Netherlands Government is satisfied that security has been fully established, the Anglo-French forces will be withdrawn.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE GIRL OF 18 "MISSING"

Eighteen-year-old Miss Elfreda Sousa, "missing" from her home in Leighton Hill Road since last Thursday, has not yet been traced, according to a police report to-day.

It is, however, understood that Miss Sousa is still in Hong Kong and has been seen during the week-end by several friends.

TURKEY TAKING PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

The Turkish fleet, including submarine squadrons, has left its bases for manoeuvres in the Sea of Marmara and the straits leading to the Black Sea.

The manoeuvres are scheduled to last till May 22; merchant ships are forbidden to navigate in the zone of manoeuvres.—Havas.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND'S MESSAGES

Amsterdam, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has sent messages of thanks to the King of England and the President of France for their messages of sympathy.

In her message to King George, Queen Wilhelmina says that the message he sent proves that in this grave moment the King and the People of the British Empire are ready and anxious to give Holland every possible help.

"I am happy that our people, fleets and armies are fighting side by side against ruthless aggression," she concluded, "and I feel certain our cause will triumph."

The message to M. Lebrun was in similar terms.—Reuter.

PARIS PRECAUTIONS

Paris, To-day.

The Military Governor of Paris has requested everybody to exercise the utmost vigilance and report promptly any appearance of parachutists or enemy planes attempting a landing.—Reuter.

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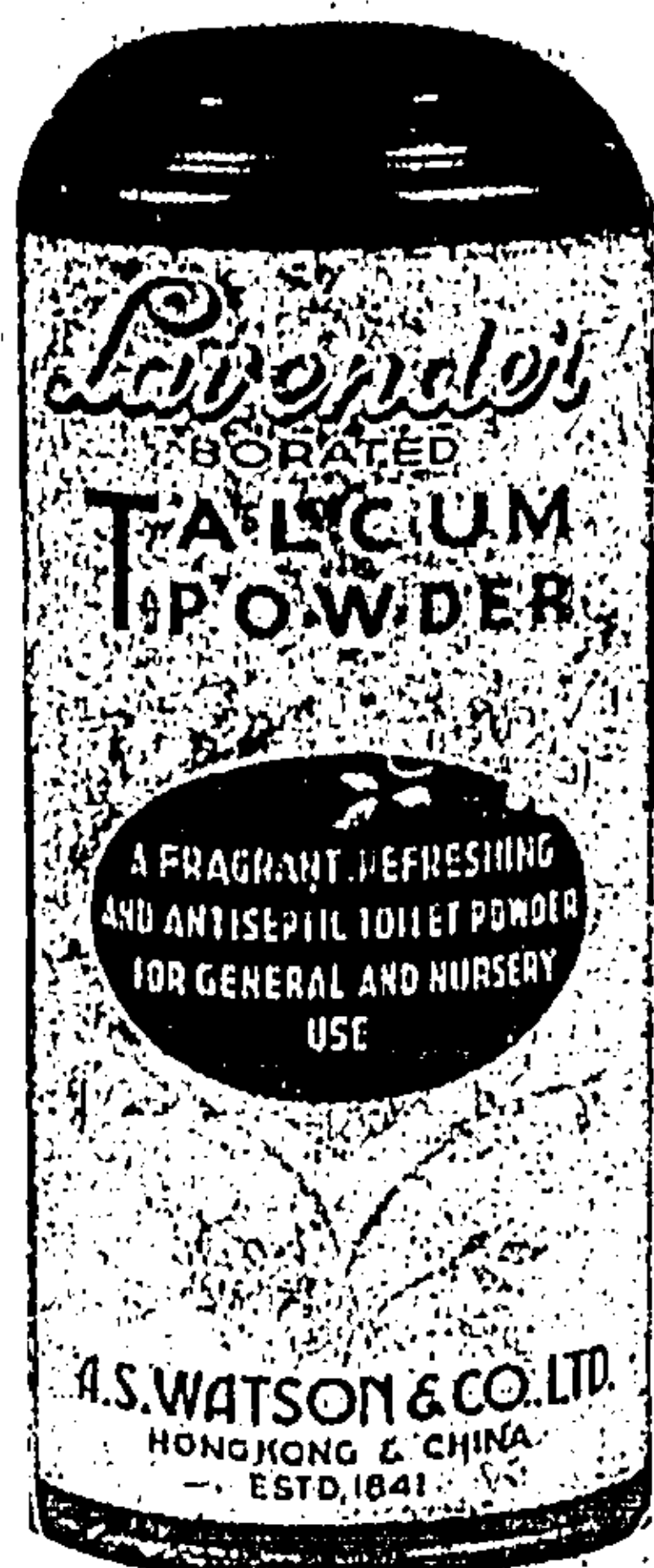
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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

VITAL STRUGGLE

"We do not conceal our joy at the direction taken by events which are hostile to Nazism," says the "Correio de Manha," Rio de Janeiro, which adds: "We consider an Allied victory as the liberation of Germany herself and the end of groups scattered throughout the world of whom some, like the Danish and Norwegian Nazis, have already shown of what others may be capable."

The "Jornal do Commercio" Rio, states: "The Governments of the Powers which are fighting for an ideal—that is, of absolute respect between nations—face the situation with firmness. Adhering to the reason for which they entered into war, the British and French Governments are still the safeguard of neutrals and small nations. England and France, by defending themselves are defending also the small European nations, which are now in greater danger than they themselves even though they are engaged in a vital struggle with Germany."

HITLER'S WATERLOO

At this moment of writing it is impossible to say where it will fall, although, Nazi methods being what they are, we may be enlightened, literally, at any instant. This capacity to strike any neighbour at any moment without pretext quarrel, or declaration of war, is what Italian spokesmen have admiringly described as Hitler's retention of the initiative. It is the initiative of the burglar as against the householder, an initiative that any State which chooses to stoop as low as Hitler can acquire as easily as he, but which we are not likely to wish to dispute with its chief exponent.

For, to whatever point of the compass Hitler moves, he is marching, like Napoleon, on London. But, sooner or later, Hitler will come to his 1812. And, as surely, it will bring him to the retreat from Moscow; and to Waterloo. — Lord Elton in "The Sunday Times."

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WILL JAPAN GAIN FROM THE WAR?

NEUTRAL TACTICS

Advice to the neutrals to co-operate defensively is given in "Ahora," Venezuela. "Once more the German forces move against defenceless countries, subjugating them on any pretext," it states in a leading article. "All the world condemns such aggression. All the small neutrals are in a state of fear, as their entry into the war depends only on Nazi designs. In Berlin if any crime is regarded as advantageous it is carried out unscrupulously. The neutrals have no alternative but to plan collective defence or succumb one after the other."

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U.S. STAND

The "New York Times," in a leading article, says: "American neutrality does not imply a cowardly silence in the face of brutal invasions of small countries. The President expressed the feeling of the overwhelming majority of our people."

The perversity of the Italian newspapers in presenting news favourable to the German viewpoint is discussed by the "New York Herald-Tribune's" Rome correspondent. After stating that the Italian people are dissatisfied with this, he adds: "The co-ordination of the Italian press with the German has been so obvious that complaints are being heard on all sides. To-day a banker stated: 'I am ashamed of our papers. They are humiliating to Italians.' The Italian press usually prints extracts from the world's press. There are virtually none now. Particularly there are none whatsoever from the American press."

The "Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger" declares: "Hitler's excursions have run him into more trouble than he has been accustomed to encounter when bent upon the subjugation of weak nations. Reduced to the lowest terms, this Hitlerian thrust must be counted as a setback to his strategy and policy. He has further consolidated opinion everywhere in favour of using any means available to crush German aggression. The Hitler myth has been badly shattered. The world has been convinced, for a long time that Hitler would sooner or later make a miscalculation and get out of his depth."

In the last war Japan gained a firm foothold as an exporting country and in the absence of the keen competition of the West made her first large economic conquests. Will the pre-occupation of Europe with the war give Japan further advantages? Japan is not so confident. She also has a war, a very troublesome one which has been draining her steadily for two years. She now finds herself unable to seize her opportunities fully. For months she has seen rigorously contracting her general imports so as to allow her to concentrate on war supplies. Thus last year she imported 64 per cent less cotton (in value) than she did in 1936, 64 per cent less wool, 16 per cent less wood pulp, 89 per cent less wheat. And everything points to her restriction of imports becoming even sharper. At the same time she is faced with a growing shortage of labour for her export industries; it is absorbed by the Army and by the munition industries. There is also a shortage of electric power (through deficient rainfall) and a shortage of fuel. Japan's colonial adventures are going badly; the European war has severely hit Manchukuo, and Japan has to offset her satellite's losses in exports to Europe.

These are heavy handicaps, but they do not, unfortunately, mean that Japan will not be an extremely formidable opponent to the effort of Britain and France to increase their exports. The same disadvantages of rising costs of production, labour shortage, curtailed imports of raw materials are present in all three countries. Last year Japan's cotton piece goods exports to the yen area contracted but to the world outside the yen area they reached a volume only exceeded in 1935; this year Japanese estimates speak confidently of a still higher total—if the adverse influences at home can be overcome. The pressure to export is, of course, as strong in Japan as it is here. It is already being felt in Latin America, and the recent exchange of Notes between the Argentine Republic and Japan is not exactly encouraging. In return for an undertaking to buy specified quantities of wool, beef, and caseln Japan receives a larger market for her textiles, chemicals, and metal goods, which, as the "Prensa" points out, means sharper competition with British goods. The only way of countering this is by an equally vigorous trade policy and by keen attention to price. It is a useful reminder that our export drive has a good many obstacles to meet. — "Manchester Guardian."

JUDGE GAOLS HIS OLD Schoolmate

London, April 27.

A JUDGE AND PRISONER, schoolboys together 45 years ago, had their third meeting in court yesterday. For the second time the judge sent his old schoolfellow to goal.

The judge was Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., Common Serjeant at the Old Bailey. The Prisoner was Herbert Bardon Tubb, 61-year-old brother of Miss Carrie Tubb, the opera singer.

ON LEAVE—ACCUSES WIFE

A private soldier home on leave from France, was granted a separation order against his wife on the grounds of her adultery with a man lodging at the house.

The case was hurried forward as the soldier had got special leave for the hearing.

The soldier was Thomas Burke, of Liverpool-road, N., who applied at Clerkenwell Police Court for a separation order on the grounds that his wife had committed adultery with a man who had been staying at the house.

It was stated that Burke was married in April, 1939.

As the result of a letter from his landlady received in France he obtained special leave and returned home. He found that another man had been staying in his flat with his wife.

"SLEPT ON SOFA"

The wife, Ethel Elizabeth Burke, said the man in question had stayed at the flat for five or six weeks. He slept on a sofa in the sitting-room. She denied adultery.

A friend had told her that this man was unemployed and had nowhere to go. The friend asked her to take him in, and she agreed to do so and charged no rent.

Addressing the wife, the magistrate said: "I cannot believe your story. It is incredible that a man should be staying in this way, unknown to your husband and sleeping on the sofa. It is clear that adultery has been committed. There must be a separation order."

JITTERBUG ABDUCTOR ARRESTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day. Handsome jitterbug, whose dancing lured 150 film-struck girls into a life of vice, has been arrested by detectives in Los Angeles.

The man—described as the "Pied Piper of Swing"—is twenty-two-year-old Bristol Barrett, in whose luxurious apartment were found more than ninety love letters from girls who had fallen for his ballroom fascination.

Police also seized Ann Forst, aged thirty-three, known in the underworld as "the black widow," alleged leader of a powerful white-slave syndicate, and Charles Montgomery, aged forty-three.

Barrett was employed by "the black widow," to haunt Los Angeles and Hollywood dance halls on the watch for pretty girls who had come to the district to seek a film career.

Barrett, cutting clever capers and

His sentence was two years' imprisonment for obtaining credit by false pretences and stealing articles worth £33.

Tubb was addressing the judge from the dock when he surprised the court by saying:

"I went to your school. I knew you as a good athlete and a happy schoolboy. Prisoners know you. They talk about you in prison as one of the fairest judges on the Bench. All they hope is that they come before you."

Then Tubb turned to the jury who had found him guilty. "You're a moth-eaten lot," he said.

CARRIED FROM DOCK

The judge made no comment as he sent Tubb to goal. Tubb struggled in the dock when the warders approached him. He was carried to the cells below.

When judge and prisoner left school both achieved early success—Mr. Whiteley as a criminal lawyer; Tubb as a £1,500-a-year business man with a staff of 300.

AWARDED M.M.

Then came the war, in which Tubb, who joined as a private and was promoted to lieutenant, was awarded the Military Medal for gallantry in the field. He was wounded in the head.

He came back to find that his only income was a disability pension of less than £100 a year. He took to crime.

Since 1920 he has had 16 convictions, mostly for obtaining credit or food by fraud. He would go into expensive restaurants with friends and pass worthless cheques for the amount of the bill.

FIRST CHANCE

The first meeting of Tubb and Mr. Whiteley was at the Surrey Quarter Sessions in 1925. Tubb was then charged with similar offences of fraud.

The judge gave him his first chance in his criminal career. He bound him over.

But Tubb broke his recognisances and again appeared before Mr. Whiteley. He was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment.

CHILD TRAFFICKING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INVESTIGATIONS ARE STILL PROCEEDING IN CONNECTION WITH THE CHILD TRAFFICKING CASE UNEARTHED BY THE POLICE LAST WEEK.

Twenty men and women are still detained.

Statements have been taken from the 34 children found in their custody, and it is likely that charges will be preferred against some of those detained within the next few days.

No additional arrests have been made.

swinging on dozens of ballroom floors, fascinated and won the confidence of 150 girls, said detectives.

"The Pied Piper" would take his victims to "the black widow."

Then Montgomery, promising them big jobs in Chicago and other cities, had them shipped there and taken into vice haunts.—Havas.



"If you throw up your head and remember to say 'I won't be scared!—then you're not!' In this scene from the exciting 20th Century-Fox film now at the King's Theatre, Randolph Scott, as a Mountie Inspector, gives Shirley Temple a first lesson in courage as a thousand redmen storm the Mounties' lonely outpost. Margaret Lockwood, star of "The Lady Vanishes," is featured opposite Scott in the picture.

29 YEARS IN "MIND PRISON"

New York, April 27.

Domestic peace has come again to the poet-professor William Ellery Lenoard, aged 64, of Madison, Wisconsin, who for 29 years has lived in a weird "phobic prison." To-day he is honeymooning with his fourth wife, Charlotte, who was also his second wife.

Lenoard says: "As soon as I get a certain distance from home I am overwhelmed by a feeling of insecurity that I can't get back. I am in a panic of isolation."

The Phobia originated when he was frightened by a locomotive, which conjured up a mental demon, at the age of three, but it was not pronounced until the suicide of his first wife when he found he couldn't leave the six-block area around his home.

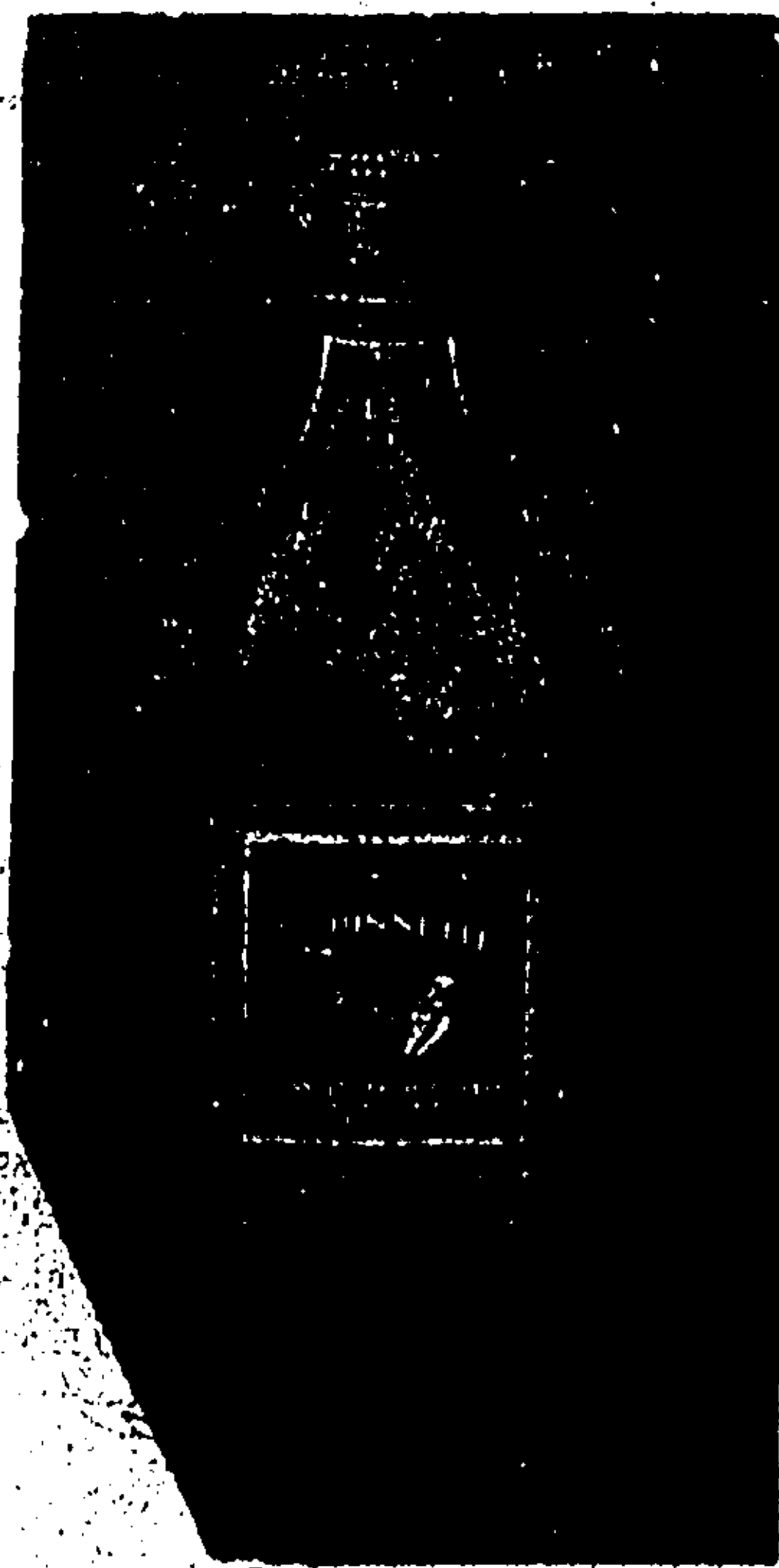
Leonard's third wife, a co-ed student at the University of Wisconsin, was able to take him for a few short walks beyond his "security zone," but she later divorced him because he told friends she was insane.

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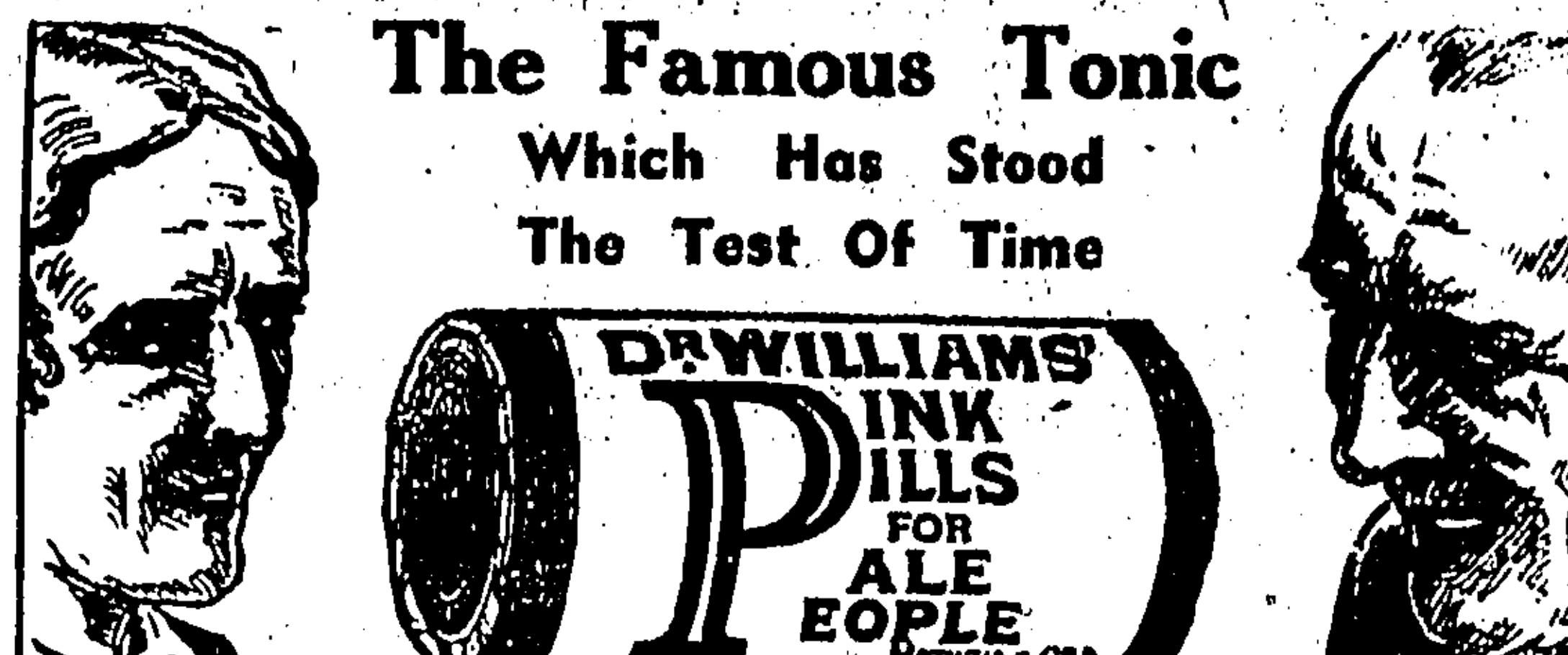
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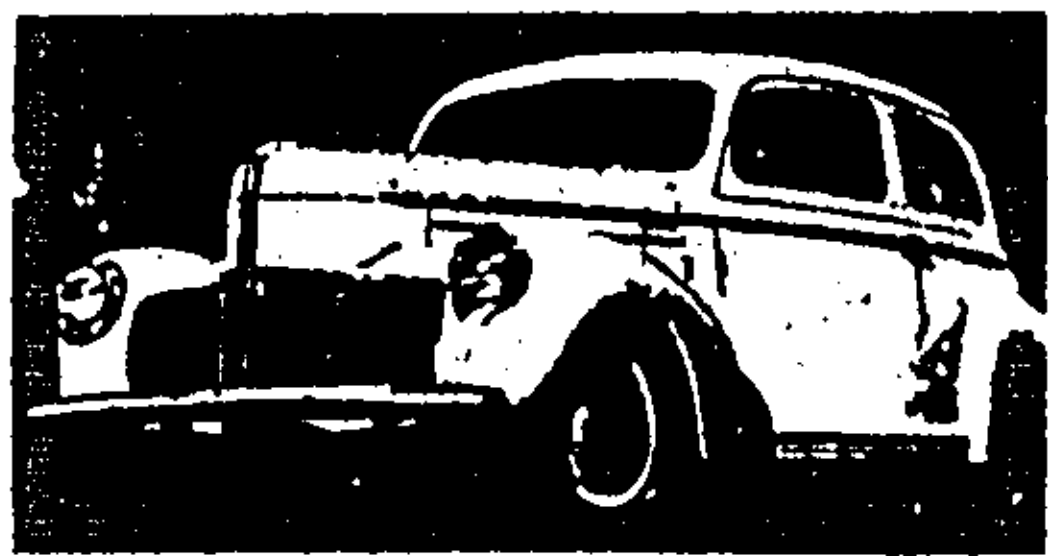
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UNITED STATES

First man I tackled was Raymond Daniel, of the "New York Times." I fired him a questionnaire over the telephone. Here are the questions and his answers:

Do you think we are being over-confident in our attitude towards the war?

The memory of past victories plays an important part in British thinking and it would be well to impress the people more with life as it would be if history did not repeat itself this time.

Are we gaining by playing the waiting game?

Military and naval experts evidently think so.

In your opinion, has our position relative to Germany's improved since war was declared?

I think it has — in defence, in respect of neutral opinion, and economically, through the operation of contraband control.

Have we made any mistakes in the conduct of the war?

Who wouldn't? But so long as there are freedom of speech and the Press the mistakes ought to correct themselves.

Do you approve of the way our newspapers handle the news?

I think it is a little on the optimistic side, but British editors know the British public better than I do.

Do you see a possible successor to Mr. Chamberlain?

I am most impressed with Lord Halifax. Why? Because of his sincerity. It seems to me that when peace is made a man with his high moral purpose will be very important.

Is there any special feature about Britain at war about which you have written home?

Yes. Britain's attitude towards American neutrality. I have written editorials debunking the idea that every country in Europe is trying to drag America into the war. Machinery and planes, not men, are wanted from the United States.

What changes are likely to take place in England after the war?

I expect and hope to see England basically the same.

Well, that's what Mr. Daniel thinks about us. His paper, the "New York Times," has a daily net sale of 532,058. In politics it is independent. It supported Roosevelt in 1932 and 1936, though it has frequently criticised him since.

ITALY

Next comes Mr. Rea, of Italy. He represents La Stampa, the three editions of which have a combined circulation of 500,000. Seven associated papers, published in Rome, Venice, Florence, etc., raise the circulation to more than 1,000,000.

He faced the same questions as Mr.

Daniel and produced rather different answers.

"Both you and Germans," he says "are gaining by playing the waiting game, though probably in a different ratio. It is very difficult to say which of you is gaining more."

"You have certainly made one big mistake—the black-out. I think it was imposed unnecessarily harshly at first and no one has the courage to repeal it."

"On the whole you are trying hard not to interfere with the neutrals' activities. I can't say how far you succeed."

JAPAN

And now for Japan, the anti-Communist "twin" of Italy. These views come from Saiji Hasegawa, repre-

By
JOE PARIS

sentative of the Domei news agency, which serves all the leading newspapers of Tokyo and Osaka, more than 150 Japanese provincial papers, and the Japan Broadcasting Corporation. It employs more than 3,000 men, having at present no fewer than 500 stationed in China.

Mr. Hasegawa thinks our big mistake was in ever starting the war.

"Britain need not necessarily have fought," he says, "Instead of guaranteeing Poland, Britain might have let Germany go on pursuing the policy of a drive towards the East, which would eventually have brought her into conflict with Russia, and thus produced the exhaustion of both of them (to Britain's advantage.)"

"So far, the time factor has been favouring the Allies, especially Great Britain. But if the Germans could adopt a defensive policy and then organise Soviet industry and communications, to assure themselves of an uninterrupted source of war supplies, the outlook might be different."

"A possible successor to Mr. Chamberlain? . . . Lord Halifax strikes me as the coming man in the British Government. I also think that Mr. R. A. Butler has a bright future ahead of him."

HOLLAND

Mr. Vas Dias, of Amsterdam, comes next. His papers are independent and have a circulation of about 400,000. He is the honorary secretary of the Foreign Press Association in London and has been here for 14 years.

He agrees right away with Mr. Hasegawa on whether we are gaining by waiting. He says:

"That depends on whether Germany gets economic aid from Russia. . . . Undoubtedly there are enormous reserves in Russia, but just now Russian aid to Germany does not seem very great."

"As to your being over-confident . . . I think British correspondents abroad prefer to send all news which is favourable rather than to give a full picture of things as they are."

"Mr. Anthony Eden might be a possible successor to Mr. Chamberlain."

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Bringing Up Father

By George McManus



HITLER HAD TO STRIKE NOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The morning papers devote lengthy editorials to the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries.

Unanimous contention is that the German attack was long expected and surprises nobody.

The "North China Daily News" asserts Hitler had to strike now and could not strike otherwise. He wishes to get at France through the Low Countries, and at Britain through bases in Holland.

The German move indicates the desperation of Berlin. The Allies can withstand any push through the winter which Hitler so much dreads.

At Last

The "Shanghai Times" denounces Germany's explanation of the invasion and adds Germany must act promptly mainly because she is short of oil. German attacks on the Balkans, to seize the Rumanian oil wells, would be too risky and next to impossible.

The "Journal de Shanghai" stresses that the long awaited offensive has started at last. The necessary defence measures were taken long ago and the Allies know how to face the situation. — Havas.

LOSS OF H.M.S. SEAL

Some Of Crew May Be Prisoners

LONDON, TO-DAY.
FOREIGN REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF H. M. SUBMARINE SEAL, WHICH THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES IS OVERDUE AND MUST BE PRESUMED LOST, ARE PRISONERS OF WAR.

A vessel of 1,500 tons, Seal carried a normal complement of 55 men and is the 7th British submarine to be lost through enemy action since the war began. One was lost as the result of an accident.

Britain has now 49 of the original 57 submarines with which she started the war. Not one of France's 78 submarines have been lost, and both countries have many more building.—Reuter.

Mentioned In Despatches

London, To-day.
The submarine Seal was commanded by Lt.-Comm. R. P. Lonsdale, who was mentioned in despatches a few days ago. His wife died in September, 1937, leaving an infant son.—Reuter.

MACAO FACTORY EXPLOSION

Macao, To-day.
An explosion occurred in the Lim Yuen Fire-cracker Factory, on the island opposite Macao, at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Nine men and four women employees were injured and admitted to hospitals in Macao.

The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOLLAND TO JOIN ALLIED WAR COUNCIL

London, Yesterday.
The Netherlands Foreign Minister states that it is now probable that the Supreme War Council will be enlarged by Dutch representatives.—British Wireless.

"LUMINOUS NEWS" FOR SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Construction of a steel tower 150 feet high, from which news will be transmitted by luminous signals, is planned in Pootung, across the river from Shanghai, says the local press. Cost of the structure will be 200,000 yen. The system of news transmission which will be used will be similar to the "luminous newspaper" used in Paris, London and New York for many years. — Havas.

I PUT 8 QUESTIONS TO THESE MEN

(Continued from Page 10)

lain.

"Is Lord Haw-Haw a danger or a joke? . . . To you English, he's a joke, all right. The way in which he presents his news strikes the English as comic, but if you published more facts at home his effectiveness would be very much less. As it is, he is able to appear convincing by commenting on news which has not yet been released to the British public."

On "our mistakes" the Dutchman commented as follows:

"Everybody learns by his mistakes, and you are very clever at this."

SPAIN

Now here is Mr. Calvo, of the Madrid daily newspaper "A. B. C." His opinions go to 300,000 people.

Says Mr. Calvo: "I think that in the present war, as always, the British underestimate the strength of their country."

"You are gaining by waiting, but Hitler must think he is, too. The German leaders may think that they are destroying the economic power of the two wealthiest empires by reducing the high standard of living."

On "mistakes," Mr. Calvo said: "The sooner Great Britain rectifies her great mistake of breaking her historic friendship with Italy, the better for Christian civilisation. And I believe you are making a big mistake," he added, "in allowing the existence of Red propaganda, which is not always Red but invariably defeatist."

"I can name no successor to Mr. Chamberlain. He is one of your greatest statesmen. He represents everything that is permanent in Great Britain."

Mr. Calvo, by the way, is impressed with the fact that we can spare uniforms for women.

RUMANIA

Shall we finish up with a bouquet? It comes from Otto Michael Smilovici, London's diplomatic correspondent of "Rador," the Rumanian official news agency, which supplies the foreign news to the whole of the Rumanian Press of about 30 daily papers with a total circulation of 1,000,000.

With regard to the treatment of neutral journalists, he says: "It is inconceivable to me how we Pressmen from abroad were able to fulfil our task before the Ministry of Information was set up."

"The centralisation of all the Government departments at the Ministry of Information will prove to be the only possible method of helping foreign journalists in their task, and helping foreign journalists is helping Great Britain's spirit to be better known abroad."

"The benefits of the Press and Censorship Bureau to foreign journalists have been so obvious that I do not doubt that it is the firm desire of all my colleagues of the Foreign Press that a similar organisation should remain in being after the war."

Thank you, Mr. Smilovici.

BISHOP YU-PIN LEAVING FOR FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kwelyang, Yesterday.

Bishop Paul Yu-Pin is leaving here for the front to-morrow to convey messages of encouragement to the Chinese troops on behalf of Chinese Catholics.

This evening the Bishop is making a radio broadcast to the Chinese nation. — Havas.

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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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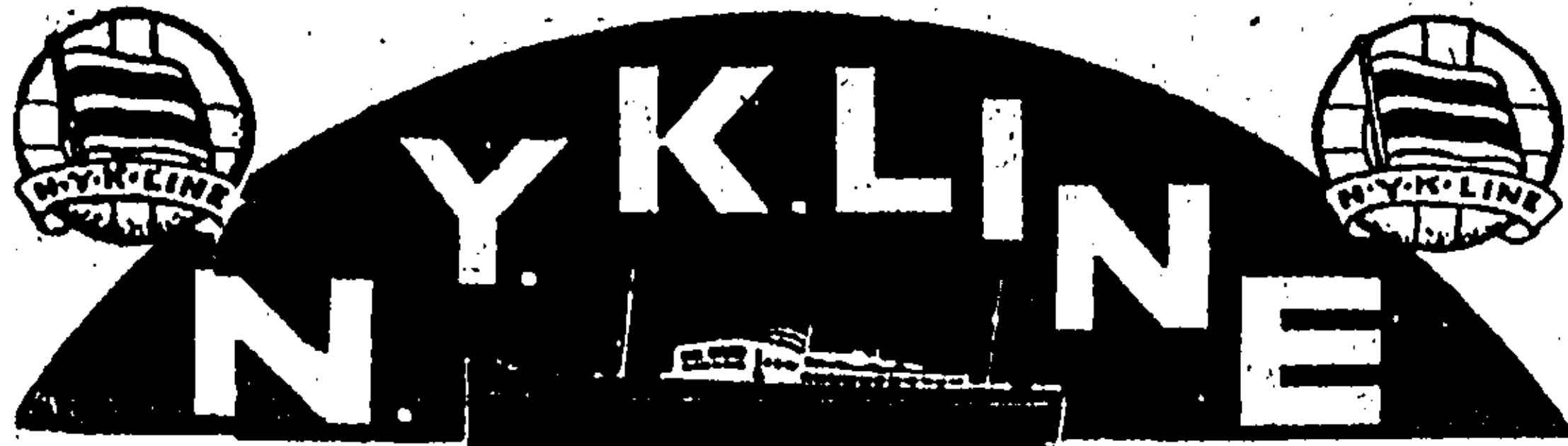
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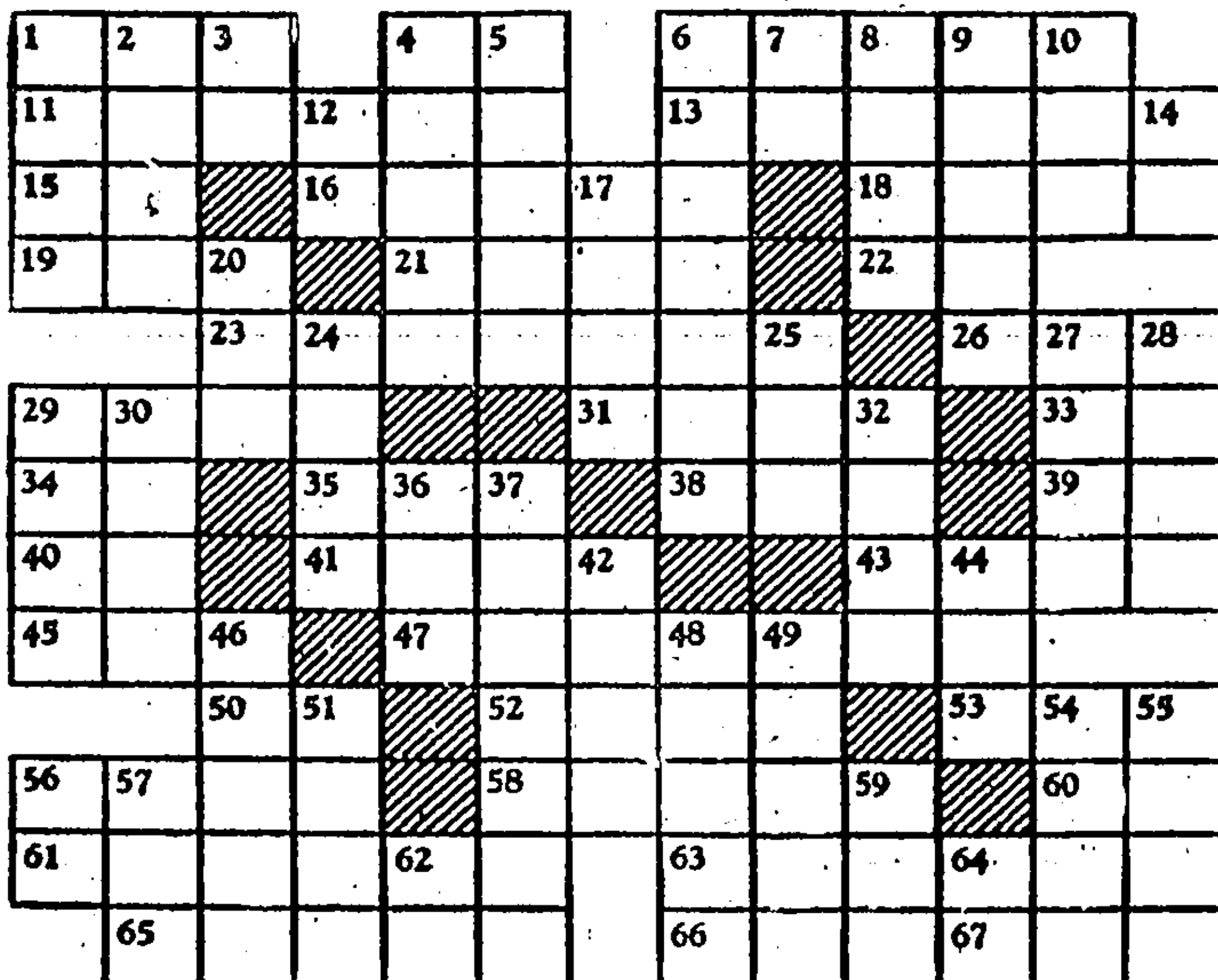
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 33 Preposition
 34 Conjunction
 35 Skill
 38 Pheasant
 brood
 39 Preposition
 40 To exist
 41 Appendage
 43 Garden
 flower
 45 Unit of energy
 47 Foot
 covering
 50 Hawk-head-
 ed deity
 52 Bird's beak

53 To snare
 56 Persian poet
 58 To become
 of use
 60 Negative
 61 More spicy
 63 Mask
 65 Periods of
 time
 66 Spanish
 article
 67 Melancholy

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 1 State in
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 2 Hindu relig-
 ious hero
 3 Printer's
 measure
 4 To abscond
 5 To lessen
 gradually
 6 Party
 7 Article
 8 Forbidden
 9 To conform

10 Conducted
 12 Pronoun
 14 Pronoun
 17 To press
 20 To hit
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 24 Tidy
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EASTERN WIN AGAIN

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The proceeds are in aid of British Naval charities and the Chinese Friends of the Wounded Movement.

The first-half saw ding-dong play till within five minutes of the whistle when Hau Ching-to headed in the first goal of the game from a corner by Chung Yung-sum.

Within five minutes of the restart V. K. Hyui netted as the culmination of a clever passing movement between Hau and Chung who took the ball up the field from wing-to-wing before giving it to Hyui to shoot.

About ten minutes from the end Le-Page scored for the Navy off a pass from Phippen and the game ended with the Chinese winning by the odd

POLICE WIN SHIELD FOR FIRST TIME IN HISTORY OF THE CLUB

POLICE RECREATION CLUB yesterday delighted their supporters with a thrilling win over I.R.C. to win the junior cricket play-off and secure the junior shield for the first time in the history of the club.

Hunter, Fay, Pope and Kirby batted well for Police against steady bowling by Abbas and Ramjahn, and Abbas, Barma, Sufflad and Markar shone with the bat for the Indians.

Fay had the best Police analysis, but Lewis bowled really well without luck.

goals in three.

Eastern:—Tsui Heng; N. Z. Lee, Tsui Pwan; Ng Ki-tsang, San Yut-tsang, Hsu King-sing; Lau Tse-tsang, Hau Ching-to, C. T. Tsao, V. K. Hyui, Cheung Kam-toi, Tsung Ying-sen. (There were some changes in the second half).

Navy:—Robinson, Roughley and Honniwell, Honeywell, Nichols and Britt, Phippens, Le Page, Hendy, Thorburn and Bourne.

A full account of this match will appear in the "China Mail" to-morrow.

POLICE R.C.

A. E. Carey, b Arculli	1
T. R. Hunter, 1st. Ismail, b Ramjahn	31
W. L. Clarke, b Arculli	0
B. C. Fay, c Razack, b Ramjahn	25
C. Pope, c Markar, b Abbas	22
H. Danbrowsky, c Razack, b Abbas	15
T. H. King, c Abbas, b Ramjahn	8
L. Oakley, st. Ismail, b Ramjahn	0
A. Kirby, b Abbas	20
J. Lewis, b Arculli	0
A. Estall, not out	3
Extras	6
Total	131

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	10.2	1	43	3
Arculli	11	1	46	3
Ramjahn	6	1	27	4
Razack	1	0	9	0

INDIAN R.C.

H. T. Barma, b Fay	21
K. M. Ramjahn, c Estall, b Lewis	7
F. A. Curreen, lbw., b Lewis	7
M. I. Razack, lbw., b Pope	10
T. Ali, b Fay	0
A. R. Sufflad, b Lewis	18
M. R. Abbas, b Fay	25
A. R. Markar, lbw., b Fay	10
A. H. Ismail, run out	6
A. el Arculli, c Pope, b Lewis	7
J. M. A. Ramjahn, not out	2
Extras	13
Total	126

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Fay	12	3	36	4
Lewis	13.7	1	50	4
Pope	6	0	17	1
Danbrowsky	1	0	10	0

Bimelech Wins

Preakness Stakes

London, To-day.—Col. E. R. Bradley's odds-on Kentucky Derby failure, Bimelech, won the Golden Jubilee Preakness Stakes, worth about £20,000, the winner beating Mioland by three lengths. Gallahadion, the Kentucky Derby winner, was third.

Bimelech's time for one mile, 1½ furlongs, were 1 min., 58-3/5 secs.—Reuter.

DUTCH NAZIS SENT TO INTERNMENT

Batavia, To-day. A number of Dutch nationals in the Netherlands East Indies who were suspected of having Nazi sympathies have been sent to join the Germans in the internment camp near Batavia.

Martial law prevails and all German property has been seized.—Reuter.

BOWLS

FIRST BLOOD TO K.B.G.C.

In the first annual match for the Sam White Trophy yesterday between Kowloon Bowling Green and Recreio, the latter emerged the victors, winning 207 to 190. Mr. K. C. Hamilton, President of the Bowling Green, presented the Trophy. Four cups presented by Mr. A. Hyde Lay and Mr. E. da Sousa, went to B. Basto's rink for the highest score. Mr. G. Sheriff's rink received the "wooden spoons."

Results:

E. P. C. Collin, A. Morton, G. E. F. Thompson, R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.) drew with L. A. Gutierrez, G. Ozorio, E. da Sousa, H. A. Alves, 20—20.

C. E. Langley, H. Spooing, J. C. Gill, A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.) lost to F. Xavier, C. M. Alves, C. E. Marques, A. A. Remedios, 15—17.

M. Ferguson, G. Deacon, H. E. Drew, J. G. Meyer (K.B.G.C.) beat M. Alarcon, A. P. Pereira, A. M. Rodrigues, R. F. Luz, 28—23.

W. L. Walker, G. Elphick, E. V. Searle, J. C. Brown (K.B.G.C.) lost to M. F. Pinna, A. F. Noronha, E. M. Remedios, C. G. Silva, 17—22.

W. Organ, E. Levett, H. White, S. Randle (K.B.G.C.) lost to C. Vas. D. C. Alves, C. Roza Pereira, F. V. V. Rebelo, 21—22.

H. R. Pinna, J. C. Remedios, A. P. Gutierrez, B. Basto (Recreio) beat L. Jordan, F. Chessman, E. V. Pope, G. Sheriff, 20—14.

C. C. Pereira, E. Leitao, C. M. Silva, F. X. Soares (Recreio) beat V. C. Dixon, P. J. Hamilton, W. Harrower, A. J. Hall, 24—24.

J. A. Remedios, C. A. Basto, L. F. Xavier, F. X. Silva (Recreio) beat A. Bower, S. C. Walker, C. Wallis, J. E. Henson, 20—17.

J. Luz, P. M. Silva, J. F. Ribeiro, O. P. Remedios, (Recreio) lost to H. Bicknell, K. C. Hamilton, H. Lockhart, J. McKelvie, 17—19.

F. Machado, P. Yvanovich, C. A. Lopes, J. J. Basto (Recreio) drew with T. Armstrong, G. Hammond, E. Atkins, A. Hyde Lay, 18—18.

YUGOSLAV TRADE PACT WITH SOVIET

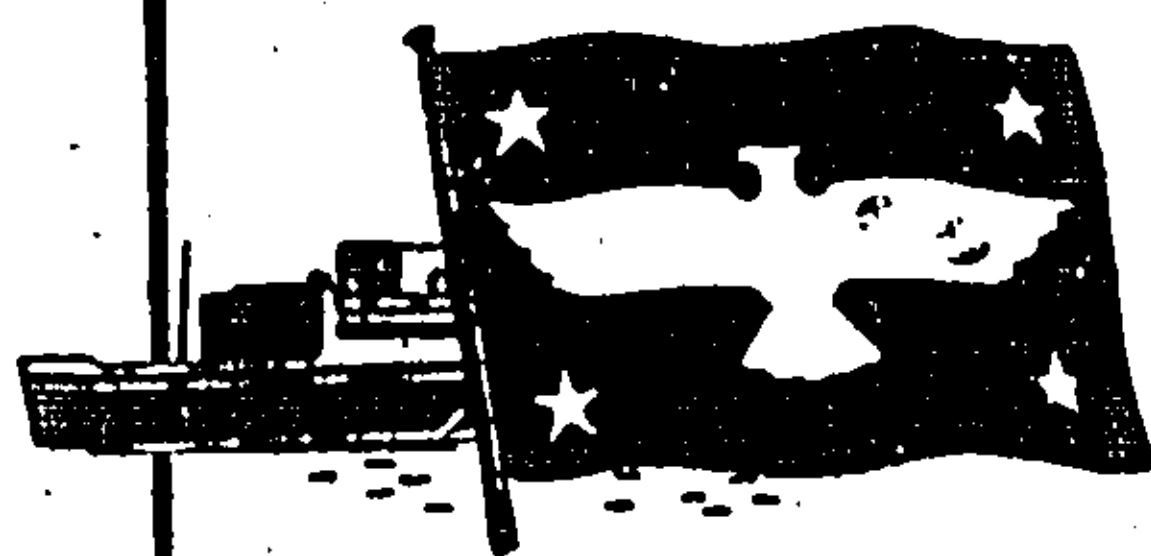
Belgrade, To-day.

Yugoslavia has signed a trade and navigation pact with Soviet Russia; it is designed to increase their trade with the next two years by over £1,000,000.

Russia will buy copper, tin, lead, zinc and lard from Yugoslavia and Yugoslavia will buy farming implements, paraffine oil and cotton. Each country will maintain trade delegations in the other's capital.—Reuter.

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WEDDING PLAN UPSET— GIRL DIED

A girl who loved a married man and hoped to marry him as soon as he was free was told, when his marriage was dissolved, that he wanted time to reconsider the matter. Mention was made of another girl.

The disappointed girl sat astride the rails of a balcony and fell thirty-five feet to death. Whether she committed suicide or merely went to the balcony to frighten the man she loved will never be known.

An open verdict was returned at the inquest at Hammersmith, London, W., when the man, a young solicitor, told how he tried to save her as she fell.

She was Sonia Spicer, aged twenty-seven, a land girl, who died four days after her balcony fall at Elm Park Mansions, Chelsea, S.W.

"I cannot possibly discuss what will happen in the future," the solicitor, Mr. John Alfred Crease Barradale, said afterwards. "This ghastly thing is still hanging over everything and has driven all other considerations out of my mind."

"The question had not arisen of any marriage to Miss Atkinson (Miss Spicer's friend). This has been a terrible tragedy."

Miss Joyce Mary Atkinson, of Kensington-close Estate, Kensington, who had known Miss Spicer about four or five years, said that they went several times to Mr. Barradale's flat.

Miss Atkinson was asked about a letter which Mr. Barradale showed her—addressed to Miss Spicer. In the letter Mr. Barradale mentioned that

he was very fond of Miss Atkinson.

Miss Spicer came to her flat and said she had not slept for four nights. She gave Miss Spicer brandy.

Next day Miss Spicer read a letter written by Mr. Barradale, and did not appear distressed.

EXPECTED TO MARRY

When Mr. Barradale, whose address was given as Elm Park Mansions, was called to give evidence he was told by the coroner (Mr. H. N. Stafford) that he would have to be asked "some rather personal questions" and as a legal man would understand their significance.

Was there an understanding that you should be married when you were free?—Yes.

Did you recently write to Miss Spicer?—I wrote on the Saturday night but did not post it.

The effect of this letter was that you would analyse your feelings towards Miss Spicer?—Yes.

Describing how he found her just before her death fall, he said: "She was up on the balcony, straddled over the rail."

"She was leaning forward and seemed to lose her balance, I dashed up and just managed to get hold of her by the forearm, but could not stop her fall."

FRANK EVIDENCE

The coroner said he had been impressed by the frankness of Mr. Barradale and Miss Atkinson.

Perhaps Miss Spicer sat on the railings to frighten Mr. Barradale. There was the other possible explanation that she deliberately overbalanced and took her life, but there was insufficient evidence to determine how the fall occurred.

ABLE TO PREDICT SEX

Mrs. Mary Hoyer, the Sydenham sex diviner who last month forecast the sex and weight of babies expected by 19 mothers, has been proved right a third time.

On April 26, she forecast that Mrs. Eric Williams, of Knighton Park Road, Sydenham, would have a girl.

Mrs. Williams at her mother-in-law's home in Kent House Road is to-day being congratulated her on her newly-born daughter, Dawn Lilian, a beautiful baby with blue eyes and light brown hair.

EIGHT POUNDS

Dawn's father was shown the list of 19 mothers with forecasts. He examined the entry beside his wife's name: "A girl, weight 8lb."

"Dawn weighed exactly 8lb," he said.

This is their first baby.

Mrs. Hoyer states: "I do not regard my discovery of the method of forecasting sex so valuable as a second discovery of mine by which parents may select the sex of their child beforehand."

"Six married couples are trying out my method, which involves only the mother and has nothing to do with diet. All the experiments so far have been successful."



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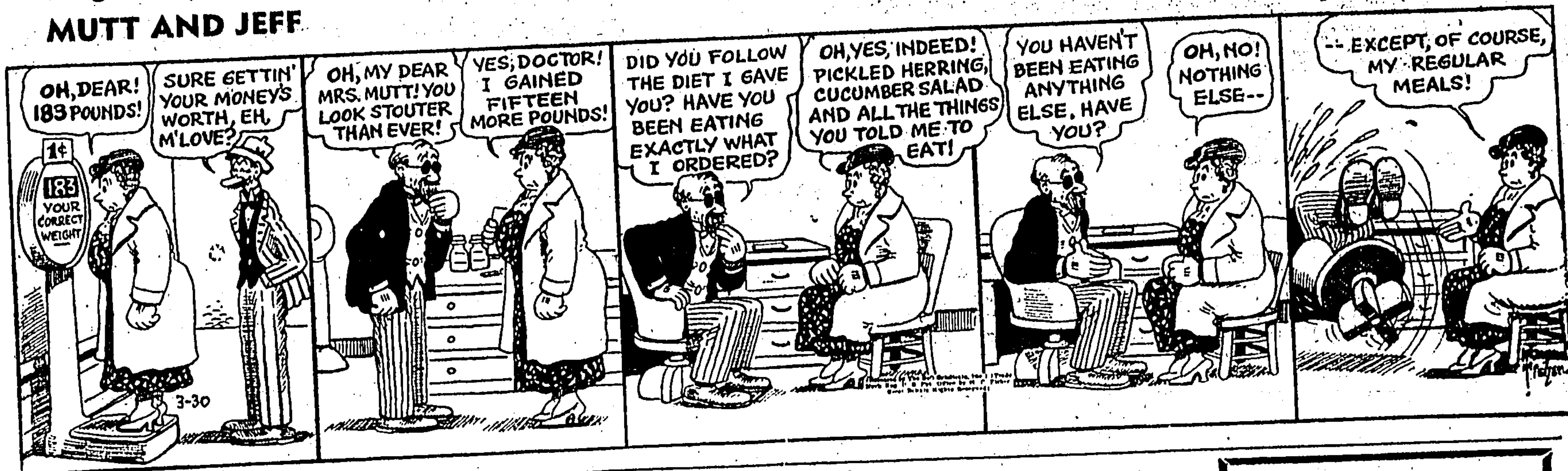
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MUTT AND JEFF



Variety Programmes

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Music of Different Nations.
Scottish: Glasgow Highlanders (arr. Black); Meg Merrilees (arr. Black).... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by Michael Black.
Scandinavian Dances: (a) Norwegian Ma-zurka; (b) Mangling; (c) Shoemaker; (d) Hornflin.... Folk Dance Orchestra conducted by Victor Olof.
Russian: Tri Plesni (Three Folk Songs—arr. Dobrowen).... Don Cossacks Choir unaccompanied. Conducted by Serge Jaroff.
Hungarian: There Are Unkissed Lips; White and Red Roses (Bela); Little White Hollyhocks; Full of Acacias Is Our Village (Lorand).... Mgyari Imre & His Hungarian Gypsy Orchestra.
English: The Comical Fellow (Porter); Mutual Love (arr. Porter).... Folk Dance Band conducted by Ronnie Munro.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."
Overture.... Light Opera Orchestra; When Maiden Loves, She Sits and Sighs.... Nellie Briercliffe (Contralto) with Orchestra;

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My Lord! My Lord! I Know Not How To Tell.... Full Company with Orchestra; Strange Adventure!.... Elsie Griffin, Dorothy Gill, Derek Oldham & Peter Dawson; Hark! What Was That, Sir?.... Peter Dawson, Derek Oldham, Arthur Hosking, Leo Sheffield, George Baker & Chorus; Like A Ghost His Vigil Keeping.... George Baker, Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking and Chorus; A Man Who Would Woo A Fair Maid.... Derek Oldham, Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe with Orchestra; When A Wooer Goes A-Wooling.... Winifred Lawson, Nellie Briercliffe, Derek Oldham and George Baker; Rapture! Rapture!.... Dorothy Gill & Peter Dawson with Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Victor Silvester and His Ballroom Orchestra.
Quickstep—Mine Alene (from "Paprika"); Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from

"Paprika"); Quickstep—Am I In Love? (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"); Waltz—The Girl You Used to Be (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air"); Quickstep—Something Tells Me; Slow Fox-Trot—I Won't Tell A Soul; Quickstep—Summer's End; Slow Fox-Trot—Two Sleepy People (film "Thanks for the Memory"); Waltz—Dear-est Love (from "Operette"); Quickstep—In The Still of the Night (film "Rosalie").
2.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.
6.00 p.m.—"For the Children".
The Birthday of the Little Princess.... Billy Cotton & His Band with Vocal Chorus. Studio—Birthday Greetings.
Careless Peter Visits The Land of Topsy Turpy (Dawn)—A Sketch.... Uncle Charlie and Peter Penrose.
Studio—Poem "Bingo has an Enemy".
"When We Were Very Young" (A. A. Milne—Fraser-Simson)—The Chistening.... George Baker accompanied by A. A. Milne.
Famous Marches Medley. Intro: The Washington Post; Semper Fidelis; Hungarian March; Rodeo Parade; London Scottish; Gladiator's Farewell.... Harold Ramsay (Organ).
Studio—5th instalment of "The Circus That Came to Tea" by Aunt Susan.
Clementine (Montrose).... Stuart Robertson (Bass-Baritone) with Piano and Chorus.
"Now We Are Six" (A. A. Milne—Fraser-Simson): (a) Cherry Stones; (b) Cradle Song.... Mimi Crawford (Soprano) with Piano.
6.30 p.m.—Dance Music.
Slow Fox-Trots—Goodnight My Lucky Day (film "23½ Hours Leave"); The Mood That I'm In.... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans. Tangos—Carino Gaucho; Milonguita.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro. Fox-Trots—Cat and Mouse; Quicksilver.... Herbert Kuster & His Piano Orchestra. Waltz—You Needn't Have Kept It A Secret; Fox-Trot—Moon at Sea.... Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra. Fox-Trots—That Old Feeling (film "Walter Wanger's Vogues"); Remember Me (film "Mr. Dodd takes the Air").... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.
7.00 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Ours Is A Nice Hour Ours". A Radio Romp devised by Clarkson Rose with Music by Conrad Leonard and Produced by Gordon Crier.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.
The Frolicsome Hare (Ashworth Hope); Dance of the Icicles (from Suite "The Wooing of the Snowflakes"—Russell).... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
Let Me Awaken Your Heart (film "Heart's Desire").... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Musical Comedy Gems. Intro: If I am dreaming ("The Dubarry"); Salzkammergut ("White Horse Inn"); Lover come back ("The New Moon"); Charming

Dance Music

Weather ("Arcadians"); Mr. Jeremiah, Esq. ("Quaker Girl"); March of the Vagabonds ("Vagabond King"); Serenade ("Student Prince"); Only a Rose ("Vagabond King"); Barblzon ("Quaker Girl").... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
My World Is Gold Because You Love Me (film "Heart's Desire"); All Hope Is Ended (film "Heart's Desire").... Richard Tauber (Tenor) with Orchestra.
Hey Gypsy, Play Gypsy (from "Countess Maritza"—Kallman).... Leslie Jeffries & His Orchestra.
8.30 p.m.—Variety Programme.
Vocal—Patty Cake, Patty Cake (Razaf & Others); Cuckoo in the Clock (Donaldson, Mercer).... The Merry Maes with Instrumental Accomp.
Comedienne—Is He The Boy Friend? (Yellen & Ager); Away Down South In Heaven (Warren).... Sophie Tucker with Orchestra.
Vocal & Orch.—"Brewster's Millions" (Noble & Furber).... Jack Buchanan & Gerald & His Orchestra with Chorus.
Comedienne—A Party At Gert and Daisy's (E. & D. Waters).... Elsie and Doris Waters and Company.
Vocal—I Bring You A Song. Intro: I bring you a song; Hear my song, Violeta; My heart will never sing again; Giannina Mia; I bring you a song.... The Voice of Romance with Orchestra.
Humorous Sketch—Joe Murgatroyd's Letter.... John Henry & "Blossom".
Vocal & Orch.—Grandma Said (Magidson—Wrubel).... "Hutch" & His Charm Music.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—News Summary.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Under Nazi Rule".
9.45 p.m.—Massed Military Bands.
Sambra et Mouse—March (Planquette); Entry of the Gladiators—March (Fucik); Fanfare; The Minstrel Boy; The Watch Tower; Merchandized Infantry—Quick March (McBain).... The Massed Bands of the Aldershot & Eastern Commands.
10.00 p.m.—An hour of Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—If You Were The Only Girl In The World; Yes, There Ain't No Moonlight.... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.
Fox-Trot—You're As Pretty As A Picture (film "That Certain Age"); Slow Fox-Trot—My Own (film "That Certain Age").... Henry King & His Orchestra.
Tangos—Despreco; Ciertos Amores.... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.
Fox-Trots—It's The Little Things That Count; Moonlight in Walkiki.... Jan Garber & His Orchestra.
Waltzes—Oh, Isabella; Mountain Life.... Tessin Band.
Quicksteps—Clarinet Marmalade; Maple Leaf Rag.... Harry Roy & His Orch.
Fox-Trot—Rosalie (from the film).... Carroll Gibbons & the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.
Fox-Trot—What Are We Gonna Do With Baby?... Brian Lawrence & His Orch.
Tango—So Blue The Skies; Quickstep—Joseph! Joseph!.... Maxwell Stewart's Ballroom Melody.
Fox-Trots—I Double Dare You; Have You Got Any Castles, Baby? (from "Varsity Show").... Freddy Gardner & His Swing Orchestra.
Fox-Trot—Once In A While.... Jack Harris & His Orchestra.
11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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A principle of defensive play might be stated as follows: When Declarer is running off some long suit and you are forced to discard, always keep at least one card in each of the remaining suits. Here is a three-notrump contract that was made because West violated this principle.

South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ K Q J 10
♥ J 7 2
♦ 5
♣ J 9 6 4 3

♠ 6 5
♥ A 10 9 3
♦ A 9 8 4
♣ K Q 2

♠ A 9 7 4 2
♥ 8 6 5
♦ 7 6 3
♣ 8 7

♠ 8 3
♥ K Q 4
♦ K Q J 10 2
♣ A 10 5

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	1♥	1♠	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♣	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened his fourth-best heart. South won with the Queen and played a spade. East naturally could not afford to win the first spade trick, but he signalled with the seven to apprise his partner of the fact that he held the Ace. Declarer now shifted to a diamond, West winning with the Ace and playing another low heart. Now South ran off his diamond suit and on the last round West made the fatal discard of his remaining spade. This

presented Declarer with the chance for an easy end-play. He threw West in with the heart, and now that unfortunate player had to lead from his King-Queen-small of clubs, the extra club trick giving South his contract, and poor East never did win a trick with his Ace of spades.

Saturday, with both sides vulnerable, you were Howard Schenken's partner and held:

♠ x
♥ x x x
♦ A x x x
♣ K Q x x x

The bidding:
Jacoby Schenken Burnstone You
1♥ 2♣ Pass (?)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is five clubs. This is a slight overbid, but if you merely jump to four clubs, your partner, with a weak overcall, may decide to drop the bidding; and if the hands fit, you will have missed a game.

Score 100% for five clubs, 80% for four clubs, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO 408

Both sides are vulnerable. You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and hold:

♠ Q x x
♥ x
♦ K J x
♣ A 10 9 8 x x

The bidding:
Maier You Jacoby Burnstone
1♠ 2♣ Pass 4♣
Pass (?)

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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China Ponies

Half Mile:

1.05.3—Valorous (Treverton, 155); 2, Radium Star (Hoo Pak-ming, 168); 3, The Tigress (R. K. C. Chui, 168). 1½ and 1½. 2nd E.1.

¼ Mile 170 Yards:

1.02.4 (record)—Spiclight (Moller, 164); 2, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 3, White Diamond (Ph, 158). ½ and many. A.M.3.

1.04.3 (record)—Racyleight (Moller, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, White Diamond (Ph, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.2.

1.04.3—Distinctive Time (Wei, 160); 2, Ronson (Poy, 154); 3, Eve of Folly (Davis, 140) and Gay Star (Hearne, 168). 6 and neck. 4th E.

1.09.4—West Lake (Pan, 155); 2, Sunlight View (Ph, 158); 3, Portrush (Chang, 155). ½ & 1. 5th E.1.

1.11.2—Rose Evelyn (Treverton, 158); 2, Portrush (Yeung Wing-kwai, 151); 3, Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 150). 1½ and 2. 1st E.

1.12.0—Palmer (Wei, 153); 2, Lucky Eleven (Liang, 147); 3, Arabian Cat (Black, 150). ¾ and ½. A.M.5.

1.12.0—Emergency Call (Black, 151); 2, Valorous (Hearne, 144); 3, Golden Cow (Liang, 149). head & head. 5th E.1.

Six Furlongs:

1.21.2 (record)—Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161); 2, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161); 3, Eve of Folly (Proulx, 158). 6 and many. A.M.4.

1.22.4 (record)—Spiclight (Moller, 161); 2, Craigavad (Liang, 161); 3, Possible (Wei, 158). 6 and ½. A.M.1.

1.23.1—Eve of Heaven (Marshall, 156); 2, Humdrum Eve (Ph, 151); 3, Lilliber (Gram, 152). 2 and dead heat. A.M.2.

1.23.3—Dupont Bay (Black, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man-wa, 158) and White Diamond (Ph, 158). 2½ and dead heat. 1st E.

1.25.2—Lancashire Lass (Chao, 154); 2, Oak Bay (Needa, 146); 3, Peaceful View (Ph, 156). 1½ and 1. A.M.2.

1.26.1—White Diamond (Ph, 156); 2, Hopeful Star (Hearne, 159); 3, Oonagh (Needa, 150). 4 and 2. 2nd E.2.

1.27.3—National Pride (H. M. Botelho, 138); 2, Boolat Bay (Gram, 168); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 156). Short head and 2. A.M.4.

1.28.0—Dupont Bay (Hearne, 168); 2, Rose Emily (Poy, 140); 3, Avon (Needa, 145). 3 and 2. 2nd E.1.

1.28.1—Galveston Bay (Hearne, 161); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 161); 3, Rose-Queen (Poy, 158). Short head and 6. 1st E.

1.29.3—Willynilly (Chiu, 142); 2, Smiling Time (Wei, 140); 3, Chatterbox (Encarnacao, 152). 2 and ½. A.M.5.

1.30.1—Clownier (Ip, 148) and Sylvandale (Hearne, 140); 3, Soldier of Britain (Fung, 168). Dead heat and 1½. A.M.4.

1.31.3—Smiling Time (Wei, 148); 2, Wilber (Chao, 152); 3, West Lake (Tao, 154). 2 and neck. 4th E.

1.31.4—Bressay (Hearne, 159); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 149); 3, Portrush (K. W. Fung, 158). 2 and 1½. A.M.5.

1.32.0—March Brown (Treverton, 151); 2, Gordie (Wood, 143); 3, Heddon (Chiu Ki-fan, 153). 4 and 2½. 4th E.

1.35.2—Blue Diamond (Wei, 145); 2, King Kong (H. M. Botelho, 156); 3, Lancashire Lass (Chao, 163). 2 and 1½. 2nd E.1.

1 Mile:

1.51.2 (record)—Burford (Ph, 161); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Hearne, 161). A.M.3.

1.52.4—Craigavad (Encarnacao, 163); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 158); 3, Dupont Bay (Black, 151). ¾ and ¾. A.M.5.

1.53.1—Clember (Chao, 161); 2, Possible (Tang Man Wa, 158); 3, Johnber (Gram, 158). 4 and 2. A.M.4.

1.54.1—Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 168); 2, Lilliber (Gram, 152); 3, Bear Claw (Black, 155). 2½ and 2. A.M.3.

1.54.3—Burford (Ph, 168) and Confusion Bay (Black, 158); 3, Mount Hope Bay (Proulx, 158). Dead heat and 3. 2nd E.2.

1.55.0—Humdrum Eve (Ph, 143); 2, Bear Claw (Hearne, 161); 3, Jober (Chao, 151). 2 and neck. 4th E.

1.55.4—Jennifer (Needa, 161); 2, Peaceful View (Ph, 147); 3, King Kong (P. P. Botelho, 161) and Blue Diamond (Chao, 156). 1½ and 1½. 4th E.

1.59.0—Johnber (Chao, 153); 2, O-Lan (Needa, 156); 3, Oonagh (P. Botelho, 148). 1½ and 4. 2nd E.1.

2.01.0—King Kong (Chao, 159); 2, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 159); 3, Salvage Master (Pan, 150). 6 and many. A.M.4.

2.02.0—Musketeer (Liang, 157); 2, Celtic Star (Marshall, 165); 3, Rose Evelyn (Encarnacao, 165). 4 and 2. A.M.2.

2.02.4—Gay Star (Needa, 156); 2, Hughber (Chao, 151); 3, Distinctive Time (Wei, 161). ½ and 2. 2nd E.2.

2.00.0—Guinness Time (Wei, 168); 2, Advancing Time (Chao, 151); 3, Laughing Girl (Liang, 158). 1 and 4. 2nd E.2.

2.09.2—Bogey (Chiu Ki Fan, 140); 2, Gog (Sadick, 161); 3, Valorous (Wood, 158). 4 and 1½. A.M.4.

2.15.3—Phoenix (Liang, 153) and Chatterbox (Black, 159); 3, This Time (Wei, 151). Dead heat and 2½. 2nd E.1.

2.16.0—Fel Ying (Wei, 140); Portrush (Needa, 158); 3, Double Chance (P. Botelho, 161). 1 and 2. 2nd E.1.

1 Mile 171 Yards:—

2.00.1—Oonagh (P. Botelho, 158); 2, John-

ber (Chao, 168); 3, Distinctive Time

(Tao, 168). ¾ and short head. 3rd E.

2.00.4—Bear Claw (Black, 159); 2, Galaxy (Chao, 155); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 150). ½ and ½. A.M.5.

2.08.1—Jennifer (Marshall, 157); 2, Expansion Time (Wei, 151) and Potentate (Encarnacao, 157). 2 and dead heat. A.M.5.

2.12.2—Tampa Bay (Wei, 159); 2, Boolat Bay (Tao, 163); 3, Galveston Bay (Hearne, 158). Short head and short head. A.M.1.

2.12.2—O-Lan (P. Botelho, 163); 2, Rose Emily (Poy, 145); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 161). 3 and neck. 2nd E.2.

2.13.2—Jennifer (Black, 150); 2, Jober (Chao, 154); 3, King Kong (H. M. Botelho, 161). Head and 2. 2nd E.2. Jennifer was disqualified for crossing and Peaceful View was awarded third place.

2.13.4—Strathbannock (Black, 163); 2, Guinness Time (Wei, 155); 3, Clownier (Ip, 146). Short head and 2½. A.M.1.

2.15.4—Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 2, Strathbannock (Black, 171); 3, Celtic Star (Marshall, 165). 3 and 3. A.M.3.

2.17.0—This Time (Wei, 140); 2, Night View (Ph, 163); 3, Some Hope (Hearne, 145). 1½ and short head. A.M.3.

2.18.4—Phoenix (Liang, 152); 2, Emergency Call (Black, 140); 3, Bressay (Hearne, 154). 5 and neck. A.M.3.

2.19.4—Chatterbox (Yeung Wing-kwai, 160); 2, Some Hope (Chiu Ki-fan, 148); 3, Wilber (Ho Hong-ping). 1½ and 1. 3rd E.

2.21.3—Portrush (S. W. Lee, 158); 2, Ascot Vale (Sequeira, 140); 3, Double Chance (Yeung Wing-kwai, 156). 1½ and 2. 3rd E.

2.25.1—Wilber (Ho Hong-ping, 140); West Lake (Yeung Wing-kwai, 153); 3, Some Hope (Coppin, 153). Short head and 3. 2nd E.2.

¼ Mile:

2.20.4 (record)—Burford (Ph, 161); 2, Satinlight (Moller, 161); 3, Confusion Bay (Black, 161). 2 and 3. A.M.4.

2.22.0—Confusion Bay (Black, 159); 2, Eve of Harvest (Marshall, 148); 3, Navy-light (Moller, 162). 2 and ½. A.M.2.

2.22.4—Clember (Chao, 168); 2, White Diamond (Ph, 158); 3, Eve of Reason (Black, 147). 6 and 3. 4th E.

2.24.4—Racyleight (Moller, 168) and Grether (Gram, 161); 3, For All Time (Wei, 161). Dead heat and 5. A.M.4.

2.24.1—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Grether (Gram, 161); 3, Mount Hope Bay (Black, 161). 5 and many. A.M.1.

2.28.1—Hopeful Star (Hearne, 151); 2, Avon (Black, 140); 3, Red Feather (Wei, 157). Neck and ½. 1st E.

2.28.1—Jober (Chao, 154); 2, Peaceful View (Ph, 158); 3, Rose Jane (Poy, 140). 5 and short head. 1st E.

3.13—Just In Time (Wei, 156); 2, Galveston Bay (Needa, 149); 3, Boolat Bay (Black, 148). 3 and short head. 3rd E.

2.32.0—Eve of Reason (Black, 151); 2, Hughber (Chao, 152); 3, Eve of Dancing (Barrow, 143). 1½ & 2. 5th E.1.

2.32.4—Advancing Time (Chao, 154); 2, Scenic View (Ph, 154); 3, Soldier of Britain (F. F. Li, 154). Many and neck. 3rd E.

2.48.4—Celtic Star (Tao, 155); 2, Guinness Time (Wei, 163); 3, Clownier (Ip Kuying, 145). Short head and 2½. 2nd E.1.

½ Mile:

2.50.4 (record)—Satinlight (Moller, 161); 2, Burford (Ph, 161); 3, Craigavad (Encarnacao, 161). ½ and many. A.M.2.

3.08.0—Gladiator (Wood, 146); 2, Rose Evelyn (Coppin, 158); 3, Musketeer (Chiu Ki-fan, 159). 1 & 5. 5th E.1.

3.12.0—Thirty Six (Yeung Wing-kwai, 158); 2, Strathbannock (Treverton, 154); 3, Scenic View (H. A. Botelho, 157). 3 & 1½. 5th E.1.

RAPIER'S SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY

Race No. 1

ARABIAN CAT
HEDDON
GOG

Outsider:—The Tigress

Race No. 2

MUSKETEER
EVE OF DANCING
GALVESTON BAY

Outsider:—Taxing Master

Race No. 3

CLEMBER
CRAIGAVAD
DUPONT BAY

Outsider:—Eve of Harvest

Race No. 4

FAR VIEW
AUSTRALIAN DIAMOND
DEVONIAN

Outsider:—Vanity Fair

Race No. 5

EVE OF FOLLY
SMASHING THROUGH
ATTACKING TIME

Outsider:—Ronson

Race No. 6

WHITE DIAMOND
HOPEFUL STAR
BEAR CLAW

Outsider:—Jennifer

SATURDAY'S LAWN BOWLS

A FULL programme of lawn bowls League matches was played on Saturday with the usual quota of thrills.

Although there was never any real doubt as to the ultimate outcome, the senior champions did not have matters all their own way against Kowloon Cricket Club and Teddy Finch-er's 20-12 win over "Dick" Alves reduced the eventual margin of victory to a bare 9 shots.

Both Carlos Silva, and "Spuggy" Silva won comfortably against Ernie Kern and Frank Goodwin respectively.

With both the Bastos in form, Recreio "B" caused something of a surprise by beating Kowloon Docks by 10 shots to win their second match in as many starts. Recreio now share with their senior team and Kowloon Bowling Green Club the honour of being the only unbeaten teams in First Division.

1½ Miles:

3.41.3—Navylight (Moller, 161); 2, Confusion Bay (Black, 161); 3, Eve of Harvest (Encarnacao, 158). Neck and many. A.M.1.

Australian Ponies

0.59.4—Happy Landings (Davis, 150); 2, Flying Dutchman (Needa, 159); 3, Derby Day (Tang, 140). Short head and short head. 4th E.

½ Mile 170 Yards:

1.00.2—Connieher (Gram, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). ¾ and 1½. A.M.5.

1.00.3—Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 2, Spring Shine (Chao, 152); 3, Princess Claro (Liang, 152). 6 and 3. A.M.3.

1.01.0—Flying Dutchman (Needa, 152) and Sparrow (Chao, 153); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). Dead heat and short head. A.M.3.

1.03.0—Many Thanks (Davis, 145); 2, Franklin (Needa, 146); 3, Fair Chance (Proulx, 148). 2 and short head. 2nd E.2.

Six Furlongs:

1.16.2—Far View (Ph, 155); 2, Sparrow (Wei, 152); 3, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155). 6 and 4. A.M.1.

1.17.2—Lancashire Chips (Wei, 155); 2, Criffel (Needa, 160); 3, Double Finesse (S. W. Pan, 140). 4 and short head. A.M.1.

1.17.3—Sydney Lad (Hearne, 155); 2, Fum-pnickel (Proulx, 152); 3, Derby Day (Chao, 155). Neck and 2½. A.M.3.

1.17.4—Australian Diamond (Tao, 155); 2, Melody Star (Proulx, 155); 3, Lucky Lady (Needa, 155). Short head and 2. A.M.1.

1.17.4—Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 2, Contact (Davis, 152); 3, Viceroy (Chao, 155). 3 and 1. A.M.1.

1.17.4—Many Thanks (Davis, 165); 2, Franklin (Liang, 156); 3, Fair Chance (Proulx, 157). 2 and 2. 3rd E.

1.18.2—Ruby Star (S. W. Pan, 136); 2, Heinz (Davis, 135); 3, Violet Queen (Chao, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.2.

1.21.4—Bruno (Treverton, 160); 2, Perola d'Oriente (Wei, 152); 3, Violet Queen (Chao, 157). ½ and ½. 2nd E.2.

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Remaining senior games went much as expected, Craigengower, following a big defeat at the hands of the champions, coming back in no uncertain manner against Hong Kong Football Club to win by 46 shots.

Charlie Rosset found his best form in this game and finished up no fewer than 25 shots to the good against Norman Bebbington.

CHIEF feature of Second Division matches—which all went as expected—was the fine effort by Hong Kong Cricket Club to secure a win in their debut match.

They thoroughly extended the Civil Servants and not until the final head of the day was the issue definitely decided, C. Strange keeping A. W. Brown down to the single shot he was lying, with the whole side two up, to give Civil Service a deserving win.

Tommy Carr, continues to provide fireworks in this division but even another good win by his rink could not save K.C.C. from a defeat by the narrowest possible margin at Cox's Road. Carr finished up 23 shots to the good but received no support from the other rinks.

Yet another narrow victory resulted in the K.F.C.—Kowloon Tong game, the former securing the points by a margin of only three shots. Harry Gittins had a useful win over Vic Chittenden, for the homesters, but both the other rinks were down.

IN Third Division there were two somewhat unexpected results, Hong Kong Football Club scoring a big win over Craigengower as a result of wins on all three rinks, and Hong Kong Electric winning handsomely from Kowloon Football Club.

CALDERERA'S SUCCESS

The Cottage Club paper-hunt on Saturday, for the "Flying Dutchman Cup," was won by P. Calderera, who has been three times a winner this season. Second and third were Captain F. P. R. James and F. Bondfield. The Ladies' Cup was annexed by Mrs. Christine Wyatt for the second time this season.

A good run was enjoyed from the border road, near Sheungshui, over grasslands and foothills, and finishing behind the Kwant racecourse. The Army and Navy were represented, as well as the civilian element, and the run-in was hotly contested between three or four riders.

The Flying Dutchman himself, who had suffered an accident last week and was unable to complete, presented the cups to the winners and warmly congratulated them on their achievement.



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Outsider:—Royal Highness

DAILY DOUBLE:—EVE OF FOLLY AND MURKUMBIDGEE

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1.20.1—Springhurst (Poy, 152); 2, Australian Prince (Ip Kui-ying, 152); 3, Tarzan (H. M. Botelho, 140). 2 and 3. 2nd E.1.
7 Furlongs 49 Yards:—
1.30.1—Ajax (Liang, 150); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 145); 3, Pumpernickel (Proulx, 153). Short head and short head. A.M.4.
1 Mile:—
1.42.3 (record)—Sapper (Black, 163); 2, Far View (Plh, 165); 3, Australian Diamond (Wel, 145). 1 & 3. 5th E.1.
1.44.3—Devonian (Black, 160); 2, Tornado Star (Proulx, 162); 3, Triumphant Day (H. M. Botelho, 140). 3 and 1½. 1st E.
1.44.4—Courtling Eve (Plh, 147); 2, Chiltern (Encarnacao, 155) and Tornado Star (Proulx, 153). 2 and dead heat. A.M.4.
1.45.3—Vanity Fair (Ip Kui-ying, 155); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Princess

Claro (Liang, 153). 3 and 2. 1st E.
1.45.3—Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 2, A Great Time (Tao, 158); 3, Sydney Lad (Hearne, 163). 4 and 2. 3rd E.
1.46.2—Contact (Davis, 152); 2, Ascot Day (Chao, 155); 3, Busylight (H. M. Botelho, 147). 6 and ½. A.M.2.
1.47.2—A Roaring Time (Wel, 150); 2, Happy Landings (Davis, 152); 3, Pumpernickel (Proulx, 161). 2 and 2. 1st E.
1.47.4—Twilight Star (Hearne, 154); 2, Violet Queen (Chao, 153); 3, Discovery Bay (Wel, 150). 2 and short head. A.M.5.
1.47.4—Albury (Encarnacao, 153); 2, Sea Jay (Proulx, 155); 3, Maple Star (Tao, 154). 3 and 3. 1st E.
1.48.1—Lucky Lady (Hearne, 155) and Amicus Curiae (Gram, 153); 3, Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Dead heat and 1. A.M.2.
1.48.3—Shuttlecock (Hearne, 146); 2, Piccadilly Jim (Poy, 155); 3, Income Tax (Liang, 155). 1½ and 1½. 3rd E.
1.54.4—Many Thanks (Davis, 145); 2, Lucky Lady (Needa, 153); 3, Rowan

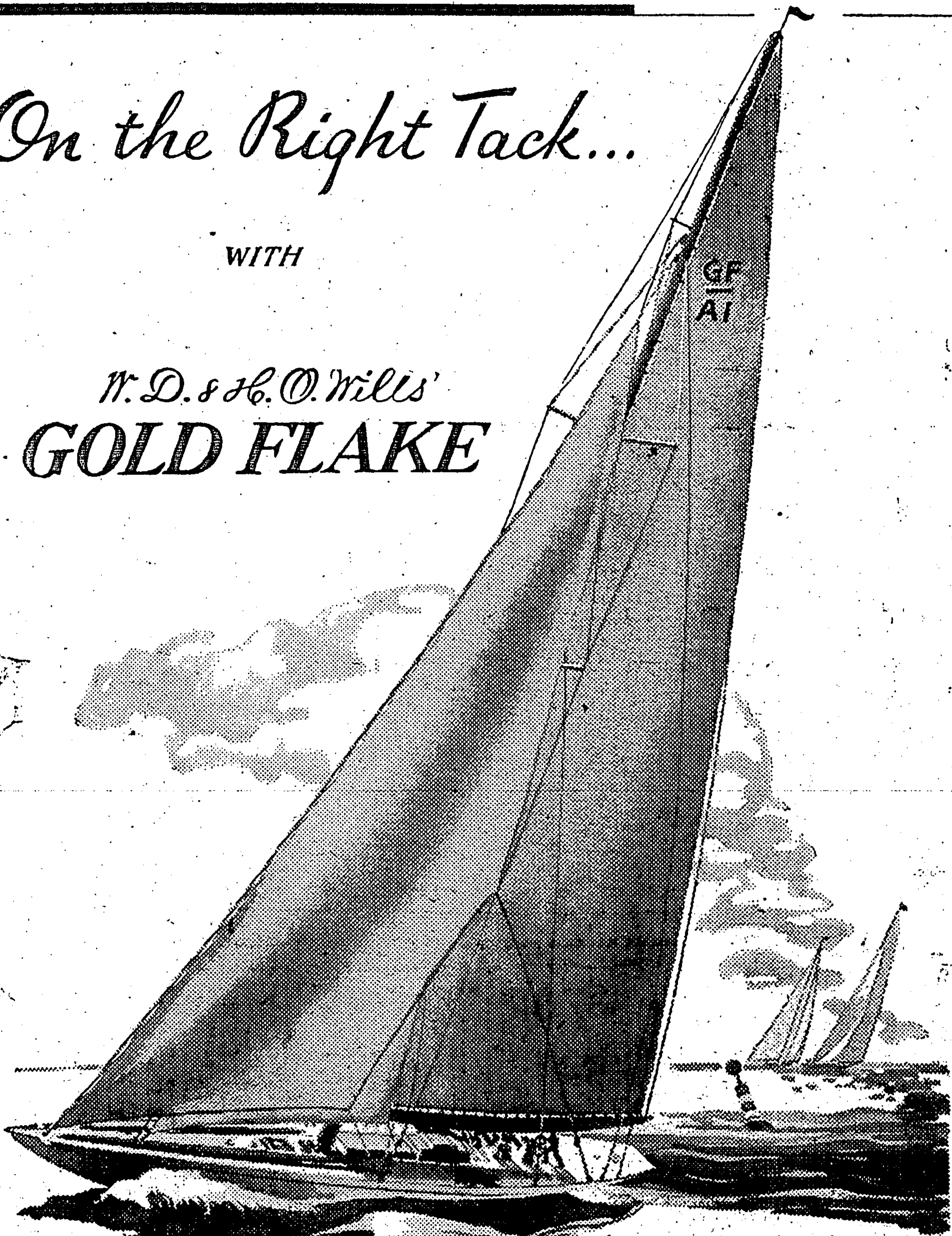
(Hearne, 146). Neck and 6. 2nd E.1. Many Thanks was disqualified and Flying Dutchman (P. Botelho, 152) was given third place.
1 Mile 171 Yards:—
1.59.2—Fair Chance (Proulx, 162); Rowan (Hearne, 162); Income Tax (Liang, 153). 3 and 2. 4th E.
1.59.3—Sapper (Davis, 160); 2, Far View (Plh, 163); Sparrow (Yuen, 147). Neck and many. 2nd E.1.
1.59.4—Franklin (Needa, 165); 2, Roofly (Davis, 155); 3, Twilight Star (Hearne, 158). 4 and 3. 4th E.
2.00.2—Amber II (Chang, 140); 2, Brown Derby (Black, 147); 3, Income Tax (Liang, 160). short head & short head. 5th E.1.
¼ Miles:—
2.10.4—Far View (Plh, 155); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 155); 3, Sapper (Encarnacao, 153). Short head and 2. A.M.6.
2.14.1—Lucky Lad (Needa, 154); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 145); 3, Devonian (Black, 160). 1½ and 1. A.M.2.
2.15.1—Murrumbidgee (Black, 130); 2, A Roaring Time (Wel, 165); 3, Annabella (Chao, 165). Many and many. A.M.3.

2.16.0—Viceroy (Needa, 155); 2, Vanity Fair (Ip, 155); 3, Albury (Encarnacao, 155). Short head and 2½. A.M.4.
2.16.3—Baffin Bay (Hearne, 150); 2, Tornado Star (Wel, 148); 3, Lucky Lad (Needa, 160). Short head and short head. A.M.1.
2.19.0—Brutus (Black, 158); 2, Discovery Bay (Wel, 145); Twilight Star (S. W. Pan, 149). 5 and dead heat. A.M.2.
2.20.4—Murrumbidgee (Black, 150); 2, Sydney Lad (Hearne, 163); 3, Vixen Tor (Davis, 159). 2 and 2. 2nd E.2.
2.21.0—Rowan (Hearne, 162); 2, Catterick Bridge (Needa, 144). 2 starters. ½ 5th E.1.
½ Miles:—
2.41.4 (record)—Far View (Plh, 155); 2, Sapper (Encarnacao, 155); 3, Amicus Curiae (Marshall, 155). ¾ and 6. A.M.3.
2.48.3—Centre Court (Sung, 155); 2, Ruby Star (Pan, 138); 3, Twilight Star (Hearne, 155). 5 & many. 5th E.1.
Two Miles:—
3.33.2—Amicus Curiae (Tao, 155); 2, Baffin Bay (Hearne, 160); 3, Australian Diamond (Wel, 148). Short head and 2. 3rd E.

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The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. Brown,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 4th May, 1940.

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THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY ON SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day.

Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

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The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
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Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong 13th May, 1940.

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The FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on WEDNESDAY, the 22nd May, 1940, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1939.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd May to 13th June inclusive.

By order of the Board.

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FRANK STATEMENT ON WAR SITUATION BY M. PIERLOT

London, To-day.

BROADCASTING TO THE Belgian people last evening, the Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, gave an account of the military situation "with all frankness and truth."

After saying he trusted public opinion would keep "that calm and firmness which are required by the circumstances," M. Pierlot said on Friday the enemy were unable to penetrate Belgian territory at any point on any considerable scale.

Thorough demolitions were immediately carried out everywhere along the frontier and checked the advance of the enemy but on Saturday, north of the Albert Canal, the enemy succeeded in crossing because the officer charged to destroy two bridges next to Maastricht was killed by an aerial bomb.

This caused a delay in carrying out the order, with the result that the enemy occupied two bridges and crossed them with motorised forces.

Later a Belgian officer penetrated the German lines, reached the mine chambers and blew himself up with the bridge, heroically sacrificing his life in the accomplishment of his duty.

Thus the enemy had only one bridge left at his disposal. Across this he attacked the Belgian troops with an enormous mass of tanks and aircraft.

Despite the fierce resistance they offered, the Belgian troops had to withdraw as far as Tongres.

In the afternoon they counter-attacked with their motorised forces and aircraft, but although severe losses

were inflicted on the enemy, the Belgians could only bring his advance to a halt.

Near Varennes

In the evening the German advanced elements were near Varennes.

During the whole time the Belgian Command took all steps required by the situation.

When the enemy reached the Belgian troops' new positions they were stopped.

The latest report, M. Pierlot said, showed that the enemy nowhere had resumed his advance.

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All fire engines from the Central Fire Station were sent and had the outbreak under control within half an hour.

No persons were injured.

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BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.
"BELGIUM BENDS BUT DOES NOT BREAK," DECLARED M. PAUL SPAAK, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, IN A RADIO BROADCAST TO THE NATION LAST NIGHT.

"Confident of Allied help, Belgium is determined to do her duty unflinchingly," he continued.

"For the second time in 25 years Belgium has become prey to the aggressor; this time he is more hideous than in 1914.

"For three days our valiant troops have withstood the sudden German assault which has caused the death of several hundred civilians.

"Remembering 1914-18, Belgium bends but does not break. The entire nation stands loyally by the side of the King.

"Belgium once again takes her place at the side of the Allies. French and British forces are already contacting the enemy together with Belgian troops.

"History begins again and will be the same—Victory for the Right."—Havas.

U.S. URGED TO AID THE ALLIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The United States should give or lend the Allies everything they need except men, Representative May, of Kentucky, said in a public statement yesterday.

He urged a programme of aid which would set aside or necessitate changes in both the Neutrality Law and the Johnson Act.

The United States, he said, should sell for cash, or, if they cannot supply the cash, on credit, arms and ammunition of all sorts to aid the Allies in the battle against Hitler. Everything possible should be done, except the sending of troops.

"If I have a bulldog at my gate," he said, "I am prepared to defend myself or prepared to help those who are defending me."—Havas.

GERMAN PLANES SHOT DOWN AT BRUGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Three German machines were shot down in the region of Bruges by R.A.F. planes yesterday.—Havas.

NAZI AIR ACTIVITY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

The presence of German planes over numerous towns, mostly from the south-east to the north-west, is reported.

Twelve chasers were seen over Stryen, 18 over Terschelling, a large number over Nerkerk and 11 over Gorkum and Sliedrecht.—Havas.

"CLERGYMEN AND POSTMEN" PARACHUTISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amsterdam, To-day.

Drastic measures of self-defence have been taken by the police authorities with the object of detecting German spies and parachutists wearing civilian clothes or disguised in Dutch uniforms.

Nobody is allowed to leave their homes after 10.30 p.m. under penalty of death. Persons found concealing German parachutists will instantly be shot. In some cases German parachutists have been disguised as clergymen and postmen.—Havas.

GERMANS CROSS THE YSSEL AND MAAS IN HOLLAND

Amsterdam, To-day.

THE NETHERLANDS High Command has issued a communique announcing that German troops have crossed the Yssel and Maas (Meuse) Rivers, the Dutch forces having first made a partial withdrawal, according to plan.

"Dutch aeroplanes heavily bombed the advancing Germans.

"As there are no prepared lines of defence in the northern provinces, the Dutch troops have made an orderly withdrawal.

"French troops have contacted the Germans in the Dutch province of Brabant. Parachute troops who had landed there have been rendered harmless.

"Several Germans still at large in the country are being rounded up. Some of them boarded a motor-bus and from it attacked the civil population.

"Waalhaven airport at Rotterdam was subjected to heavy Dutch artillery fire and can be considered as rendered useless to the enemy.

"The purging of the Rotterdam area of German parachute troops is proceeding.

"The Dutch Navy is co-operating in the defence of the country.

"The military authorities are in complete control of the situation in the interior."—Reuter.

Dordrecht Area

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The situation created by parachute operations in the region of Dordrecht is still uncertain according to unofficial reports from Holland.

The Dutch High Command, however, states that situation is well under control.—Havas.

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1,800,000 GERMANS IN BELGIUM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, To-day.

Reliable information reveals that 1,800,000 German troops are now operating in Belgium.

The Belgian radio announces that Belgian counter-attacks have proved successful.

Several diplomatic missions are preparing to leave Brussels, fearing air raids.—Havas.

BOMBING OF KRUPPS NOT CONFIRMED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Reports published in the American press stating that Allied bombers attacked the Krupps arms factories at Essen on Saturday night and Sunday morning are not supported by Allied information.

Both the R.A.F. and the French Air Force state that none of their machines were in the region of Essen.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: South and south-east winds, moderate; cloudy generally, local showers.

B.E.F. Takes Up Pre-Arranged Positions NAZI THRUSTS PARRIED

BRUSSELS, TO-DAY.

GENERALLY SPEAKING, IT CAN BE SAID THAT THE MILITARY SITUATION, WHICH WAS GRAVE ON SATURDAY NIGHT, HAS NOW BEEN STABILISED AT THE WORST POINTS AND THE GERMAN BREAK-THROUGH HELD.

It is believed the stabilisation is due in some degree to the work of the R.A.F. The Government have no intention of leaving Brussels.

According to information received yesterday morning, the Germans succeeded in crossing the railway bridge over the Meuse, some miles north of Liege, at the same place where they crossed in 1914, and also the bridge on the Maastog-Tongres road to the Lower Albert Canal, which is guarded by Ebeneymael fortress.

M. Paul Spaak, the Foreign Minister, said to pressmen yesterday morning: "The situation is serious as we are faced by a great army. A terrible battle is only to be expected."

"The army are fighting with courage and Allied aid is most effective. The Government are certainly not leaving Brussels; that is out of the question."

German Object

Reports of enemy successes in the Limburg "appendix" and the Maas-tricht areas, indicate the German object is to dislocate the co-ordination between the Dutch and Belgian defence systems, states Reuter's military correspondent in London.

The correspondent adds the frontiers here have always been regarded as indefensible from eastern attacks, though no strategic surprise has been achieved.

A thrust towards the sea between the Dutch and Belgian defences would, however, expose the German flank to attack from the south, where the British Expeditionary Force has now taken up its prearranged positions.

The Suicide Squads

In regard to the parachute invasion, Reuter's military correspondent says it is a form of invasion which, even if carried out on the scale reported at Rotterdam, can only be really effective if the land forces with which it is in co-operation can make speedy progress.—Reuter.

French Counter-Attack

Brussels, To-day.

A Belgian army communique says: Lively encounters took place along the majority of the positions occupied by our troops, who succeeded in standing their ground despite the action of enemy armoured units supported by aircraft.

A French counter-attack against enemy motorised units was successful, a great number of enemy tanks being destroyed.

An enemy attempt to cross the Albert Canal by boats failed.

Numerous aerial bombardments were carried out on the rear of our troops. Many planes were brought down in Belgium during the day.—Reuter.

REFUGEE TRAINS REPORTED BOMBED

London, To-day.

According to a broadcast from the Dutch radio station at Hilversum the Germans bombed two trains full of women and children bound from Liege to Brussels.—Reuter.

R.A.F. BITES BEFORE BREAKFAST

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent With the R.A.F.)

Somewhere in France, To-day.

Seven German bombers before breakfast and three enemy fighters in the afternoon, is the record of one British squadron of Hurricanes manned by former Auxiliary pilots sometimes called "week-end" airmen.

The squadron only recently reached France but within 30 minutes of its arrival it shot down a raiding Heinkel.

Seven bombers were destroyed before breakfast yesterday, consisting of three Dorniers and four Heinkels.

One pilot alone damaged four enemy aircraft.

Three twin-engined Messerschmidt 110 fighters were destroyed in the afternoon and other machines so riddled with bullets that their safe return to Germany is considered extremely doubtful.—Reuter.

MACAO FACTORY EXPLOSION

Macao, To-day.

An explosion occurred in the Lim Yuen Fire-cracker Factory, on the island opposite Macao, at 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Nine men and four women employees were injured and admitted to hospitals in Macao.

The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained.—Our Own Correspondent.

HOLLAND TO JOIN ALLIED WAR COUNCIL

London, Yesterday.

The Netherlands Foreign Minister states that it is now probable that the Supreme War Council will be enlarged by Dutch representatives.—British Wireless.

GERMAN 'KULTUR'

London, To-day.

German airmen appear to be carrying out a campaign of frightfulness at the expense of Belgian civilians, says Reuter's special correspondent with the B.E.F. in Belgium.

"Two examples of this were given me to-day by an eye-witness who can be regarded as an unimpeachable source," he cables.

In the first case German aircraft flew just over the housetops of a large Belgian town and went up and down over one of the principal streets firing their machine-guns.

Attack On Cars

The second case happened on a country road where three private motorcars, obviously not military vehicles, were travelling filled with refugees, including women and children.

Two German warplanes dived down and dropped a bomb which uprooted a tree which crashed across the road. The cars were forced to pull up and the German planes dived down and riddled the cars with machine-gun bullets.—Reuter.

AMERICAN HUSH-HUSH PLANES FOR FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The radio announces news has just been received from Washington that a considerable number of American planes destined for France are being delivered, including fighters of a speed unknown to German military aviation.—Reuter.

ALLIES SEND REINFORCEMENTS TO NARVIK

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Considerable Allied reinforcements have arrived at Narvik in the region of Tromsø, according to a radio announcement.

The Allies are apparently making extensive preparations for a final push against the German occupied harbour, the Norwegian communique adds.—Havas.

EVENTUALITY NO. 1 FINDS ALLIES WELL PREPARED

London, To-day.

After eight months of waiting, the most likely form of German offensive of all those we have been considering and generally discussing has been launched, comments Captain Cyril Falls, Military Correspondent of "The Times."

The Low Countries have as big a significance to-day as at any time in military history, and it is against them that Germany has moved.

The Allied command was as ready as one can ever hope to be, and so were Holland and Belgium.

Captain Falls thinks that a large number of defence schemes had been drawn up in view of various alternatives, so that possibly they could act at once on receipt of a code-word, and he thought it quite likely that the present situation lies under the heading of "Eventuality No. 1."

Both the Allies and their intended victims must have given thought to the use of parachute troops and troop planes, designed to seize positions behind the main defences and to generally create confusion, and also to the bombing of communications and nerve centres.

So far, these have constituted the main feature of the war, but the news so far does not suggest that there have been any of the mass infantry assaults of the last war. The intention of the German command seemed to be to weaken the framework of the defence to the greatest possible extent first.

No Tremendous Effort

The Germans have not yet put forth any tremendous efforts except in the

air, and their hands are free to make any alternations in their plans they desire.

So, while all this looks like the crisis—especially as France has been bombed heavily and the Allies have been bombing military objectives in Germany—even now, things might take an unexpected form.

If the Germans do go all out, the most likely form seems to be a drive through southern Holland, south of the main water defences, to the sea. This would cut Holland off from Allied help, and the Germans would then try to overrun the country and establish air bases for use against Britain.

We have not under-estimated this danger, but to capture aerodromes and to establish these as air bases are very different matters.

The parachute attacks so far do not seem to have been as successful as might have been expected. They are less suitable in thickly-populated countries than they were in Norway.—Reuter.

ACTIVITY DEVELOPS ALONG MAGINOT LINE

German Artillery Keeps Up Violent Fire

Nazis Trying To Turn Flank?

London, To-day.

WITH SPEED AND PRECISION, Allied advance troops are taking up their posts beside the Dutch and Belgians, while more and more troops and mechanised and other equipment is pouring up to their support.

Events are developing in the Saarland south of Luxemburg. Here, at the northern end of the Maginot Line facing Germany, fighting broke out on Saturday night and German artillery is keeping up a violent fire.

Paris experts say that this is the most serious offensive against the Maginot Line, but its scale and significance remains to be seen.

The main German drive seems to be directed at the regions of the Albert Canal and the Moselle. This might mean that they are either trying to turn the flank of the Maginot Line or that they are trying to drive a wedge through to the sea between Belgium and Holland.

M. Spaak, Belgian Foreign Minister, said to press representatives yesterday that events are developing just as they were expected by the Belgian general staff. Since Saturday night, the situation had more or less stabilised.

A Belgian communique says that Belgian troops are putting up an energetic resistance, defending step by step the positions assigned to them by the plans of operations. Enemy troops which had obtained a foothold in the defence system appeared to have made no important progress.

Little Headway

The German advance seems to have made little headway from Maastrecht towards Hasselt. Unconfirmed reports from Brussels yesterday afternoon stated that the Belgians had reformed their lines and had counter-attacked yesterday morning. Hasselt is only 15 miles from the Belgian frontier.

Heavy fighting is developing further south, in the mountainous, forest regions of the Belgian Ardennes.

Holland Steady

In southern Holland, the position seems to be static. For the most part, the Germans are being held in front of the Yssel river, which is the outermost of the several lines of the Dutch defence. Here and there crossings have been made, but they do not appear to be very important.

In the afternoon, the Brussels

"LUMINOUS NEWS" FOR SHANGHAI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Construction of a steel tower 150 feet high, from which news will be transmitted by luminous signals, is planned in Pootung, across the river from Shanghai, says the local press. Cost of the structure will be 200,000 yen. The system of news transmission which will be used will be similar to the "luminous newspaper" used in Paris, London and New York for many years. — Havas.

radio warned the populace that several hundred parachutists had come down near the Belgian capital during the night. Most of them were captured.

Forty German planes were shot down over Belgium on Saturday. — Reuter.

FRANK STATEMENT ON WAR SITUATION BY M. PIERLOT

London, To-day.

BROADCASTING TO THE Belgian people last evening, the Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, gave an account of the military situation "with all frankness and truth."

After saying he trusted public opinion would keep "that calm and firmness which are required by the circumstances," M. Pierlot said on Friday the enemy were unable to penetrate Belgian territory at any point on any considerable scale.

Thorough demolitions were immediately carried out everywhere along the frontier and checked the advance of the enemy but on Saturday, north of the Albert Canal, the enemy succeeded in crossing because the officer charged to destroy two bridges next to Maastrecht was killed by an aerial bomb.

This caused a delay in carrying out the order, with the result that the enemy occupied two bridges and crossed them with motorised forces.

Later a Belgian officer penetrated the German lines, reached the mine chambers and blew himself up with the bridge, heroically sacrificing his life in the accomplishment of his duty.

Thus the enemy had only one bridge left at his disposal. Across this he attacked the Belgian troops with an enormous mass of tanks and aircraft.

Despite the fierce resistance they offered, the Belgian troops had to withdraw as far as Tongres.

In the afternoon they counter-attacked with their motorised forces and aircraft, but although severe losses were inflicted on the enemy, the Belgians could only bring his advance to a halt.

Near Varennes

In the evening the German advanced

NAZI AMBASSADOR LEAVING

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Brussels, To-day.

The German Ambassador to Brussels, von Buelow-Schwante, was expected to leave for the Reich last evening through France.

It is believed, however, he will not be allowed to cross the Swiss frontier as long as Belgium has not heard that her Ambassador in Berlin, M. Davignon, has been allowed to leave Germany. — Havas.

STANDARD FORMULA OF THE REICH

Gothenburg, To-day.

The newspaper "Goteborg Nytid" comments: "It seems that the Reich adopted a standard formula for attacks on small States. We believe that Germany cannot conquer Belgium this time, and that Germany took a fatal step when, against history's teaching, she tried to smash this proud people's right to live." — Reuter.

AMERICA'S NAVAL SILENCE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, Yesterday.

The United States Navy maintained a tight-lipped silence yesterday as to whether or not the United States will move to prevent any possible action by Japan against the Netherlands East Indies as a result of Hitler's latest aggression.

It is significant, however, that on the eve of its departure for Home waters, the fleet was ordered to stay in Hawaii.

Britain would normally protect the Indies if Holland was at war because of the large British interests in the Indies, but Britain has now to give her entire attention to her own war.

In view of Britain's landing of troops to protect Iceland, there are strong rumours in Washington of some sort of a "gentleman's agreement," whereby Britain will cover the Atlantic and the United States the Pacific. There is no official confirmation of these rumours. — Havas.

ACTION AGAINST THE "DAILY WORKER"

London, Yesterday.

The Minister of Information has signed an Order prohibiting the despatch abroad of the Communist organ "Daily Worker" and the Fascist publication "Action."

The Ministry states the "Daily Worker" and "Action" are well known to make a practice of publishing allegations which create in the minds of neutrals misapprehension about British policy. — Reuter.

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elements were near Varennes.

During the whole time the Belgian Command took all steps required by the situation.

When the enemy reached the Belgian troops' new positions they were stopped.

The latest report, M. Pierlot said, showed that the enemy nowhere had resumed his advance.

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ROME INCIDENTS: ITALIANS ASKED FOR EXPLANATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.
IT IS LEARNED IN AUTHORITATIVE CIRCLES IN LONDON THAT THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN ROME HAS ASKED THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR AN EXPLANATION OF AN INCIDENT IN ROME ON SATURDAY LAST WHEN MEMBERS OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY STAFF ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN MOLESTED.

It is further learned the Ambassador has been instructed by the British Government to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the "unfortunate impression" likely to be created by posters of an anti-British character.

These posters, which appeared on walls in Rome on Saturday, led to an incident in which an Englishman who tore down a poster was set upon by Blackshirts along with three friends, including an Englishwoman and an American, and chased into a hotel.

When Sir Charles Noel, the British Minister, intervened, an anti-British poster was stuck on his car but was removed after he had telephoned the Italian Foreign Office.

EXTREMIST METHODS

The activity of Fascist extremists is also evidenced by the burning of a number of copies of the Vatican organ, "Osservatore Romano," in the street last night.

Bundles of copies of this impartial newspaper are being bought up by mysterious persons as soon as they reach the newspaper kiosks in order to prevent them reaching the public.—Reuter.

LOSS OF H.M.S. SEAL

Some Of Crew May Be Prisoners

LONDON, TO-DAY.
FOREIGN REPORTS INDICATE THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE CREW OF H. M. SUBMARINE SEAL, WHICH THE ADMIRALTY ANNOUNCES IS OVERDUE AND MUST BE PRESUMED LOST, ARE PRISONERS OF WAR.

A vessel of 1,500 tons, Seal carried a normal complement of 55 men and is the 7th British submarine to be lost through enemy action since the war began. One was lost as the result of an accident.

Britain has now 49 of the original 57 submarines with which she started the war. Not one of France's 78 submarines have been lost, and both countries have many more building.—Reuter.

Mentioned In Despatches

London, To-day.
The submarine Seal was commanded by Lt.-Comm. R. P. Lonsdale, who was mentioned in despatches a few days ago. His wife died in September, 1937, leaving an infant son.—Reuter.

WOMAN JUMPS INTO RESERVOIR

A well-dressed Chinese woman, about 30 years of age, was seen to jump into the reservoir at Aberdeen, at 1.15 p.m. on Saturday by a Chinese watchman.
The watchman rushed to the spot but the body had already disappeared below the water.

IL DUCE INSPECTS FROM AIR

Rome, To-day.
Mussolini spent some hours yesterday piloting his three-engined bombing plane on a tour of inspection that reached as far as Monte Circeo, south of Rome, and the Pontine Marshes and Ostia.

An announcement says he was inspecting railway plant and lines.

The Duce yesterday received Marshal Graziani, Chief of the Army Staff, General Soddu, Under-Secretary of State for War, and Generals Pintor and Guzzoni.

The last two have been charged with perfecting the defences on the western frontier, in the Littorio Alps.

Reports are circulating that new classes have been called to the colours by individual summons.—Reuter.

EUPHRATES DISASTER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Baghdad, To-day.
A major disaster threatens as the Euphrates continues to rise. Damage, estimated at several million pounds, has already been done.

A thousand peasant families have been evacuated from the flooded areas. Volunteers, mostly students, are helping the army and police, to fill the breaches in the dams.

Relief work is being undertaken by the Red Cross under the patronage of Prince Regent Abdullillah.—Havas.

WEMBLEY TAKEN OVER FOR REFUGEES

London, To-day.
The Empire-Sports Arena at Wembley has been requisitioned by the Government to accommodate Dutch and Belgian refugees. It is understood this is part of the Ministry of Health scheme in which a large number of metropolitan boroughs are co-operating in preparation for an influx of refugees.—Reuter.

DUTCH NAZIS SENT TO INTERNMENT

Batavia, To-day.
A number of Dutch nationals in the Netherlands East Indies who were suspected of having Nazi sympathies have been sent to join the Germans in the internment camp near Batavia. Martial law prevails and all German property has been seized.—Reuter.

SUBURBS OF LILLE BOMBED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, Yesterday.
An official communique says that German planes dropped bombs over the suburbs of Lille and in the neighbourhood of Abbeville and Hazebrouck, in northern France.

A German plane was downed near Hazebrouck and the crew taken prisoner.

In the mining district of Pas-de-Calais, German bombs caused several casualties. Three enemy planes were downed and four Nazi airmen captured.

Twenty bombs were dropped on Dunkirk, causing several casualties. A certain number of casualties also occurred at Valenciennes, St. Amand and Colmar.—Havas.

Chased Off From Brussels

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Brussels, Yesterday.
German air activity was resumed early this morning when German bombers were sighted passing the frontier in the general direction of Namur and Dinan.

Planes appeared over Brussels at a low height and were chased by Belgian fighters.—Havas.

100 PLANES SHOT DOWN IN BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

More than 100 German planes were shot down over Belgium yesterday by the Allied air forces.

Officials here are calm.

One hundred Nazi parachutists were dropped round Brussels yesterday morning but they are being dealt with.

There were several air raid warnings in the morning and heavy detonations were audible from the centre of the city.

Many Rumours

Some thought they were not bombs but heavy artillery shells falling on the Belgian second defence lines.

Refugees from the Albert Canal region are now appearing in Brussels.

The city is quite calm despite the many rumours flying round.—Reuter.

"WANTED"

The Police are still unable to locate the two men wanted in connection with the shooting of the late Mr. Jean Dubois, manager of Messrs. Sennet Freres.

Li Yuk-shuk, 25, who was wounded in the hand and arrested is likely to be discharged from hospital during the week.

He will be charged with murder.

ITALY GETTING WORKED UP

Rome, To-day.
The Allied contraband control is again severely criticised by the newspapers following the publication of a report by the Italian Bureau of Economic Warfare.

Signor Gayda, in "Voce d'Italia," describes the control as "an open and brutal violation of every principle of liberty on the sea."—Reuter.

148 DEAD; 337 INJURED

Civilian Casualties In Nazi Raids On France

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
The newspaper "Le Matin" says 148 civilians were killed and 337 wounded during German air raids over France.

Among the localities bombed "Le Matin" mentions Suippes, Valenciennes, St. Die, Remiremont, Gerardmer, Clermont-Ferrand and several villages in the Loiret Department.—Havas.

WOMAN AND BOY KILLED IN WEST POINT TRAGEDY

A CHOPPER USED FREELY IN THE COURSE OF A DOMESTIC QUARREL IS ALLEGED TO HAVE CAUSED THE DEATH OF A 85-YEAR-OLD CHINESE WOMAN, AU SZE, AND HER 11-YEAR-OLD NEPHEW, CHIU YIK-WAH, SHORTLY AFTER 10 P.M. LAST NIGHT.

The bodies of the woman and boy are now lying in the Kowloon Public Mortuary.

The quarrel took place at No. 33, Hei Wong Terrace at West Point, and a 32-year-old woman, alleged to have been involved in the dispute, was admitted, suffering from serious head injuries, to the Queen Mary Hospital. Another woman, with injuries to her left hand was sent to the Observation Ward in the Hospital.

The woman who was seriously injured died in hospital this morning.

BRITAIN AND BULGARIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Sofia, To-day.
Government circles categorically deny rumours of political approaches to Bulgaria by Great Britain through the Ambassador to Turkey, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, during the latter's visit to Sofia.

Reports from foreign sources had asserted that Sir Hughe attended a meeting of several Bulgarian Ministers and military leaders, and made certain political and military suggestions.—Havas.

PRESIDENT LEBRUN'S MESSAGES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
President Lebrun has sent messages of sympathy to the Sovereigns of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, emphasising that the three countries were "the victims of wanton aggression," and can rely on the full help of the French people.
M. Lebrun expressed full confidence in the final victory of the Allies.—Havas.

THE CHURCHILL TEAM

Seven Further Important Ministers Announced

Sir Kingsley Wood Now Chancellor Of The Exchequer

London, To-day.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL, the new Premier, is announcing his Government by degrees, the names of Cabinet Ministers outside the War Cabinet being announced in London last evening.

Sir John Simon and Sir Kingsley Wood both have posts, and among the newcomers are Lord Lloyd (as Secretary for the Colonies), Mr. Herbert Morrison, the dynamic leader of the London County Council who, as expected, becomes Minister of Supply, and Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, former First Lord of the Admiralty and one of the Conservatives who rebelled against Mr. Chamberlain, who becomes Minister of Information.

Consultations are still proceeding with regard to other posts to be filled in the Government, and it is expected a further announcement will be made to-day.

The full list, as announced so far, is:—

- * Premier and Defence Minister—Mr. Winston Churchill.
- * Lord President of the Council—Mr. Neville Chamberlain.
- * Lord Privy Seal—Mr. C. R. Attlee.
- * Foreign Secretary—Lord Halifax.
- * Without Portfolio—Mr. Arthur Greenwood.

Admiralty—Mr. A. V. Alexander.
War—Mr. Anthony Eden.
Air—Sir Archibald Sinclair.
Lord Chancellor—Sir John Simon.
Colonies—Lord Lloyd.
Exchequer—Sir Kingsley Wood.
Home Secretary—Sir John Anderson.

Supply—Mr. Herbert Morrison.
Information—Mr. A. Duff-Cooper.
Board of Trade—Sir Andrew Duncan.

* War Cabinet.

Likely Candidates

Meanwhile, several of the Government supporters who voted against the Chamberlain Government are expected to get office, including Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, Mr. Richard Law (son of the late Bonar Law) and Mr. Robert Boothby.

Two other Labour men, Mr. Hugh Dalton and Mr. Ernest Bevin, are expected to have important posts, and several Labour members will be appointed to posts among the junior Ministers.

It is understood Mr. Hore-Belisha (former War Minister) and Sir Samuel Hoare (ex-Air Minister) will not be included in the new administration.

Labour Resolution

Meanwhile it is officially announced that Mr. Attlee will move at the Labour Party Conference at Bourne-mouth to-day a resolution endorsing the unanimous decision of the National Executive Committee that the party should take its share as full partner in the Government which, under the new Prime Minister, commands the nation's confidence.

The resolution, which is certain to receive an overwhelming majority, pledges the full support of the Conference to the new Government "in its effort to secure a swift victory and a just peace."—Reuter.

Executives Agree

London, To-day.
The action of the Labour leaders in joining the Government has been approved by a joint meeting of the

Trades Union Congress, the National Executive of the Labour Party and the Executive of the Parliamentary Labour Party.

A statement issued after the meeting records approval of the decision of the leaders "in their efforts to strengthen the machinery of government for the purpose of bringing the war to a successful conclusion."—Reuter.

First Labour Speeches

The declaration will be submitted to the conference in the form of an emergency resolution by Mr. C. R. Attlee, Lord Privy Seal.

Mr. A. Greenwood, Minister without Portfolio, will wind up the debate and the vote is expected in the afternoon. To-day's pronouncements will be the first public statements by the two Labour leaders since they were appointed to the War Cabinet.—British Wireless.

STATUS QUO IN DUTCH EAST INDIES

London, To-day.

Authoritative circles state His Majesty's Government have previously expressed their interest in the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

This attitude remains unchanged and they have no intention whatever of intervening in the East Indies, nor has any suggestion been made from any quarter that they should do so.—Reuter.

NE.I. SENDS ROYAL MESSAGE

Batavia, To-day.

A loyal message was broadcast by the Netherlands East Indies to the home country yesterday, in the following words:—

"We are proud that you in Holland have resisted the enemy so fiercely. Never before have we had a better cause to die for or to live for.
"Long live the Fatherland!"—Reuter.

Mrs. A. E. Grasett, wife of Major-General A. E. Grasett, is leaving for the United Kingdom in the near future and will be absent from the Colony for about three months.

GERMAN PARACHUTISTS WARNED

Paris, To-day.

It is officially announced that Germans wearing any other uniform than their own, who may be found in France, will be immediately shot.

In Berlin the official Nazi news agency comes out with this one: "Immediate and most violent reprisals for any ill-treatment of German parachutists" will be taken.

The Nazi agency says the parachutists are "part of Germany's regular troops," and adds: "Their special uniform is not camouflaged and cannot be mistaken for the uniform of foreign armies or civilian clothes!"—Reuter.

Dutch Protest

The Hague, To-day.

German invaders, both land troops and parachutists, have been seen wearing Dutch uniforms, says a Government statement.

Protesting against this, the statement calls attention to Article 23 of The Hague Convention which expressly forbids such action.

The statement adds: "This violation of the laws of war does not stand alone. The Germans have not hesitated to put captured Dutch soldiers into their front line."—Reuter.

ALLIED AID IN D.W.I.

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IT IS EMPHASISED IN AUTHORITATIVE QUARTERS IN LONDON THAT THE DESPATCH OF AN ALLIED FORCE TO CURACAO AND ANBARUBA, IN THE DUTCH WEST INDIES, WAS DECIDED IN FULL AGREEMENT WITH THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE GOVERNOR DISPOSED OF SUFFICIENT FORCES TO PREVENT SABOTAGE OF THE OIL REFINERIES.

Despite energetic action already taken by the Governor, it was considered essential that additional forces should be immediately available to cope with any emergency.

As soon as the Netherlands Government is satisfied that security has been fully established, the Anglo-French forces will be withdrawn.—Reuter.

PORTUGUESE GIRL OF 18 "MISSING"

Eighteen-year-old Miss Elfreda Sousa, "missing" from her home in Leighton Hill Road since last Thursday, has not yet been traced, according to a police report to-day.

It is, however, understood that Miss Sousa is still in Hong Kong and has been seen during the week-end by several friends.

TURKEY TAKING PRECAUTIONS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

The Turkish fleet, including submarine squadrons, has left its bases for manoeuvres in the Sea of Marmara and the straits leading to the Black Sea.

The manoeuvres are scheduled to last till May 22; merchant ships are forbidden to navigate in the zone of manoeuvres.—Havas.

QUEEN OF HOLLAND'S MESSAGES

Amsterdam, To-day.

Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands has sent messages of thanks to the King of England and the President of France for their messages of sympathy.

In her message to King George, Queen Wilhelmina says that the message he sent proves that in this grave moment the King and the People of the British Empire are ready and anxious to give Holland every possible help.

"I am happy that our people, fleets and armies are fighting side by side against ruthless aggression," she concluded, "and I feel certain our cause will triumph."

The message to M. Lebrun was in similar terms.—Reuter.

ROOSEVELT EXPRESSES AMERICA

New York, To-day.

The "New York Post" says: "President Roosevelt expressed the sentiments of the overwhelming majority of the American people when he condemned the brutal and unprovoked invasion of the Low Countries before the Pan-American Scientific Congress. He answered the question 'can Americans live if the Allies are defeated' with a straightforward 'No.'"

"Coming from a man who hates war as much as he hates Fascism, this was highly significant."—Reuter

SHAMELESS REVERSAL OF ROLES

London, To-day.

The Berne newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" comments: "Germany's repetition of the well-known comedy with its shameless reversal of roles will deceive none. Instead, the general feeling will be one of disgust at the unscrupulousness of this manoeuvre."—Reuter.

PARIS PRECAUTIONS

Paris, To-day.

The Military Governor of Paris has requested everybody to exercise the utmost vigilance and report promptly any appearance of parachutists or enemy planes attempting a landing.—Reuter.

TURKEY PREPARES TO MOBILISE

Istanbul, To-day.

Measures to ensure instant mobilisation in the event of a sudden emergency are now being taken but it is emphasised they have no other significance.

They aim at bringing reserves up to strength; thus the military centres in Istanbul have begun calling up for census purposes and for review of their cases, eleven classes of reservists from 25 to 35 years of age, inclusive.

Reserve officers of all ranks, including generals, must report for their military situation to be reviewed.—Reuter.

KING LEOPOLD REPLIES

London, To-day.

The King has received the following message from the King of the Belgians:—

"Your Majesty's far-reaching and encouraging message touched me deeply. It brings to me, in this grave hour through which my country is passing, valuable proof of the fidelity of the British people to their pledged word.

"The cause which Belgium is defending is sacred to my countrymen and I share the unshakeable confidence which your message expresses in the free and independent future of our two countries."—Reuter.

YUGOSLAV TRADE PACT WITH SOVIET

Belgrade, To-day.

Yugoslavia has signed a trade and navigation pact with Soviet Russia; it is designed to increase their trade with the next two years by over £1,000,000.

Russia will buy copper, tin, lead, zinc and lard from Yugoslavia and Yugoslavia will buy farming implements, paraffine oil and cotton. Each country will maintain trade delegations in the other's capital.—Reuter.

GERMANS TRY COUP AT THE HAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hague, To-day.

A daring attempt by German residents of The Hague to stage a mass formation march towards the centre of the town was foiled by Dutch troops who compelled the Nazis to seek shelter inside a building.

The Germans surrendered when fired on by soldiers and police.—Havas.

BISHOP YU-PIN LEAVING FOR FRONT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Kweiyang, Yesterday.

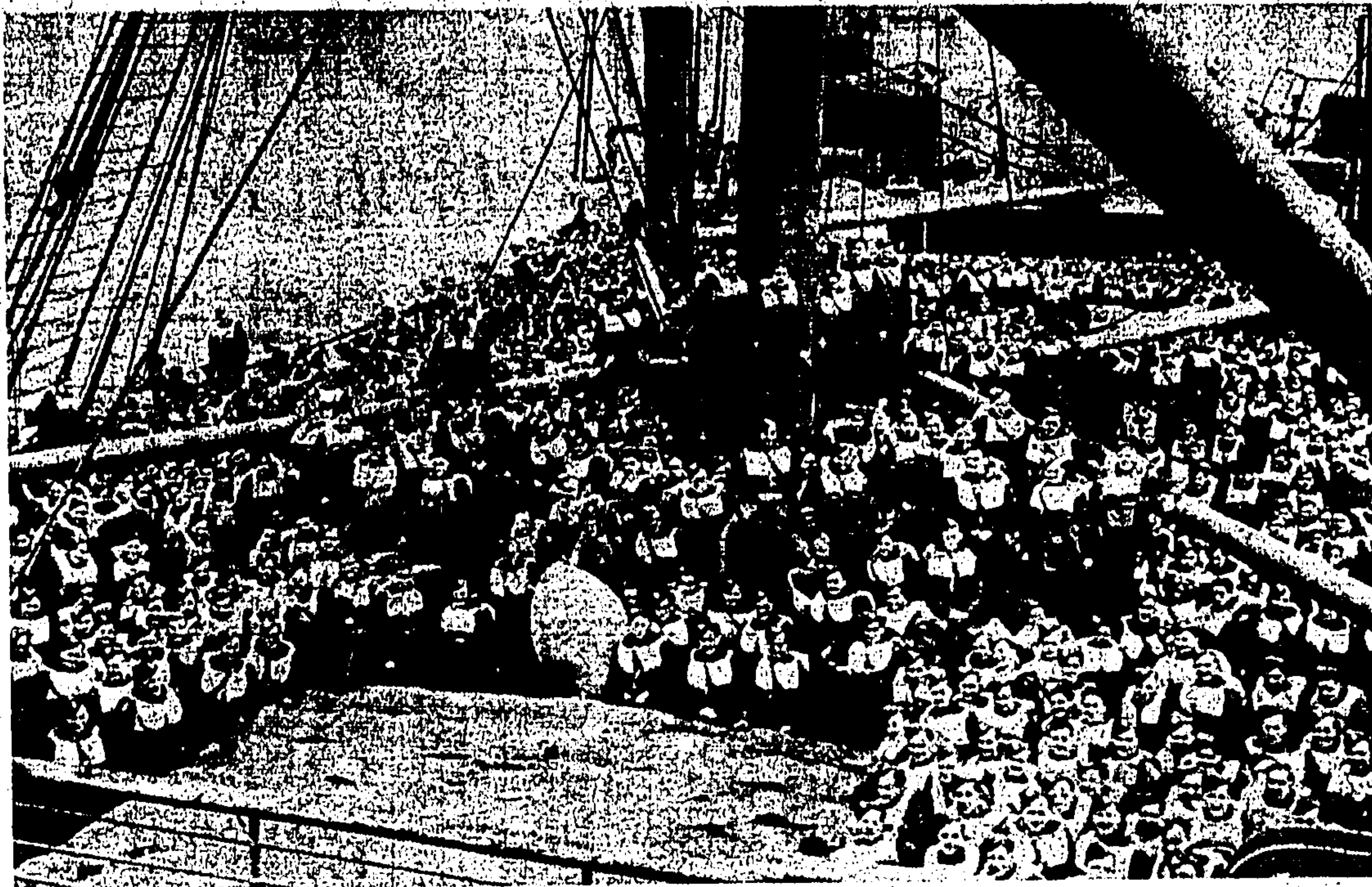
Bishop Paul Yu-Pin is leaving here for the front to-morrow to convey messages of encouragement to the Chinese troops on behalf of Chinese Catholics.

This evening the Bishop is making a radio broadcast to the Chinese nation.—Havas.

MR. CHURCHILL AGAIN SEES THE KING

London, To-day.

Mr. Winston Churchill had his second audience of the King since he became Prime Minister at Buckingham Palace last evening.—British Wireless.



These are the first official pictures of the Norway B.E.F. They show how they crossed en route for Norway. (Copyright, Fox).

HITLER HAD TO STRIKE NOW

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The morning papers devote lengthy editorials to the Nazi invasion of the Low Countries.

Unanimous contention is that the German attack was long expected and surprises nobody.

The "North China Daily News" asserts Hitler had to strike now and could not strike otherwise. He wishes to get at France through the Low Countries, and at Britain through bases in Holland.

The German move indicates the desperation of Berlin. The Allies can withstand any push through the winter which Hitler so much dreads.

At Last

The "Shanghai Times" denounces Germany's explanation of the invasion and adds Germany must act promptly mainly because she is short of oil. German attacks on the Balkans, to seize the Rumanian oil wells, would be too risky and next to impossible.

The "Journal de Shanghai" stresses that the long awaited offensive has started at last. The necessary defence measures were taken long ago and the Allies know how to face the situation.—Havas.

DRAGGING OUT OF AN OLD ALIBI

New York, To-day.

The columnist of "The Sun," Dave Boon, says: "As the Nazis choose to start a blitzkrieg against Belgium and Holland in a religious season sacred to millions, they go out of their way to shock sensibilities. Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make Dictators, and the sound from heaven as of a rushing wind is not Hitler's air fleets but the rising indignation of the civilised world. . . . you would think Adolf would stop dragging out that old alibi about the Allies being about to do the invading first. Any moment now von Ribbentrop will have a White Paper with a bedtime story about the Belgians and Dutch being in deadly peril of everyone except the Germans."—Reuter.



Boys of the Norway B.E.F.—sleeping soundly during the voyage—sure of the Navy's protection. (Copyright, Fox).



H.R.H. the Duchess of Gloucester in her capacity as Air Commandant of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force visited an aerodrome in the Midlands on April 24. Photo shows the Duchess in her W.A.A.F. uniform inspecting the W.A.A.F.s. (Copyright, Fox).

HILLIER STREET BUILDING BADLY BURNED

A three-storeyed building, No. 5, Hillier Street in the Central District, was badly damaged by a fire which broke out in the premises at 6.40 a.m. to-day.

All fire engines from the Central Fire Station were sent and had the outbreak under control within half an hour.

No persons were injured.

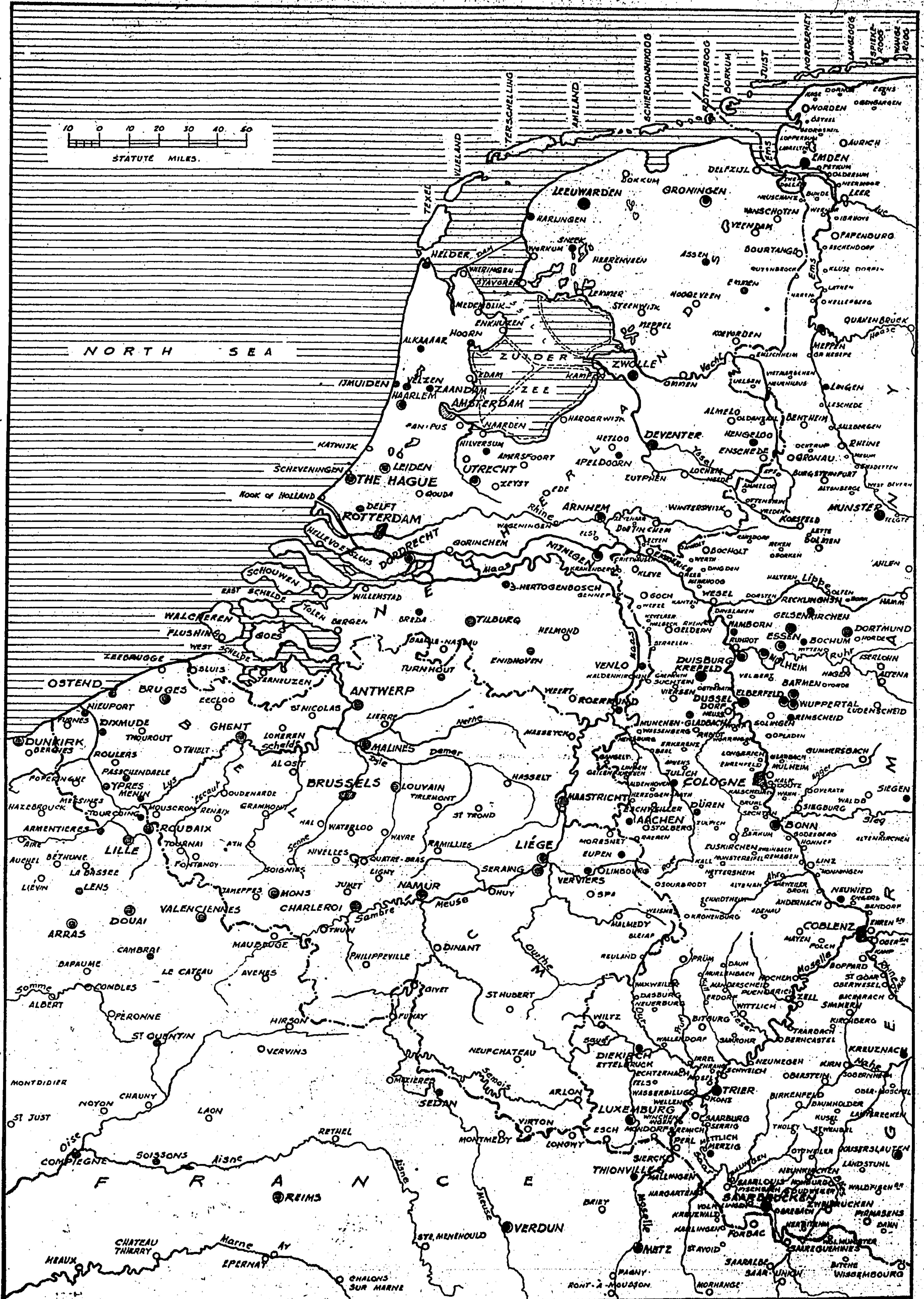
CHOLERA INOCULATION

Throughout last week crowds have been flocking to different Government dispensaries and hospitals to secure inoculation against cholera.

"The response," state the Medical authorities, "has been very satisfactory."

It is again stressed that those who can should obtain inoculation from their own doctors, in order to leave the public dispensaries to those who have not the means.

CUT THIS OUT AND KEEP IT FOR REFERENCE



THE BATTLE ZONE CREATED BY THE GERMAN INVASION OF HOLLAND, BELGIUM AND LUXEMBURG.

NAZIS IN MEXICO

Austin (Texas), Yesterday.
The United States Ambassador to Mexico, Mr. Joseph Danis, said in an interview here to-day that many Nazi agents are being worked into Mexico and that there is talk that they "are trying to worm their way" into the Mexican Government itself. — Reuter.

BELGIAN WORKERS' RALLY CALL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Brussels, Yesterday.
The Labour Party and the Labour Federation have issued a statement stressing that all Belgian workers are ready to defend the national heritage of freedom. The statement expressed entire confidence in the Government. — Havas.

STUPID ALLEGATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
London, Yesterday.
"Our Government rejects with indignation the German allegation that the Dutch Government had concluded agreements with foreign powers directed against Germany," declared the Foreign Minister in a telephone message to the Dutch Embassy in Washington. — Havas.

THROWING A RING ROUND THE HAGUE

London, Yesterday.
The Nazi parachute troops were trying to throw a ring round The Hague, declared the Dutch Foreign Minister.
He described The Hague as the largest village in the world, and said it had never been a town, let alone a defended town. — Reuter.

ARCHBISHOP CALLS FOR UNDAUNTED SPIRIT

London, To-day.

Preaching in Canterbury Cathedral yesterday, the Archbishop of Canterbury made a stirring call to the nation for unity and courage in the face of the dangers which threaten it.

Referring to the fact that the full force of war might, at any moment, reach our people's own doors, His Grace said "the hour has come. It has struck and with it comes the testing of the nation. By the invasion of Belgium and Holland following quickly on the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the ruler of Germany has thrown down a challenge to the peace and freedom of the whole world.

It is the spirit of the people that must rise to meet the challenge.

"Let the whole nation stand behind the King's forces on sea, land and in the air with indomitable, undaunted spirits.

"At the present momentous time in human history, can we doubt that the forces of evil which are now breaking the peace of the world, overthrowing the freedom of nations, and of free peoples, scorning truth, trampling on justice and mercy, are arrayed against everything we can conceive Divine Will and purpose to be."

At the close of his address, the Archbishop led the congregation in prayer for the leaders of the Government, for the Forces and for the peoples who have suffered bitterly from invasion.—British Wireless.

LEGION WILL LOOK AFTER PARACHUTISTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
LONDON, TO-DAY.

"IN ATTACKING BELGIUM AND HOLLAND, HITLER IS MAKING A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO FINISH THE WAR THIS YEAR," DECLARED MAJOR-GENERAL SIR FREDERICK MAURICE, PRESIDENT OF THE BRITISH LEGION, ADDRESSING THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE LEGION YESTERDAY.

"For the first time since the war began one may reasonably think the war may end this year," he added.

General Maurice concluded: "When the Germans like to send some of their parachutists over here, the British Legion will undertake to look after them."—Havas.

DE VALERA CONDEMNS HITLER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Dublin, To-day.

Mr. Eamonn de Valera, Prime Minister of Eire, violently branded the German invasion of Belgium and Holland in a public speech yesterday.

"These two small nations are fighting for their lives," he declared, "and I think it would be unworthy of our nation if I did not protest against the cruel wrong done them.

"If they attack us from any quarter they will find us a united people ready to resist." —Havas.

BROAD PICTURE OF EVENTS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

French military circles continue to be tight-lipped, merely stating that operations are developing favourably with great rapidity and without noticeable trouble. But, from the data available, the following seems to be a fairly broad picture of the progress of events up to now:—

The main German effort has been on the front between the Moselle and the North Sea. German columns seem to have had some slight results between the Moselle and the Rhine, both in the centre of the Dutch-Belgian system and in the region where contact has been established between the two armies.

North of the Rhine, the Germans have occupied Arnhem, just west of the Rivers Yssel and Rhine, and along which is the Dutch line of defence.

Reports indicate fierce fighting on the Albert Canal.

North of Arnhem, along the Yssel, the Germans have not yet made contact.

There is no news of the situation in the northern Dutch provinces between the Yssel and the Zuider Zee, on the one hand, and the German frontier on the other.

Groningen Fighting

Unconfirmed reports state that Dutch detachments are fighting fiercely in the Groningen province by the Dollast, off the German port of Emden.

South of Arnhem, the Germans have not yet reached the Dutch lines. In Belgium, no German advance is recorded south to Liege.

East of the Moselle, the situation is again developing.

The air forces of all sides are very active, playing the vital role that the cavalry once used to perform. —Havas.

TO-DAY'S FIRST TWO RACES

First Race.—One Mile.

1. Sunnyside's The Tigress, 164 lb., (L. B. Chao).
2. Mrs. B. Hall's Gog, 147 lbs., (V. V. Needa).
3. Hope's Dow-Jones, 140 lb., (S. L. Yuen).

Thirteen ran. Won by a head; a head.

Time: 2.09.2.

Parl-mutuel: winner, \$58.20; places.

1st \$18.40
2nd 13.30
3rd 18.40

CASH SWEEP

No. 2049 \$1,485.40
" 26 424.40
" 1189 212.20

Unplaces (\$50 each); 985, 665, 1034, 7, 1756, 952, 3238, 2555, 3376, 1763.

Second Race.—About Half Mile 170 Yards.

1. Eu Tong-sen's Ronson, 168 lbs., (W. G. Poy).
2. Marber I's Hughber, 154 lbs., (L. B. Chao).
3. Mrs. Stanton's Oak Bay, 163 lbs., (B. Proulx).

16 starters. Won by 1½ lengths, 2 lengths.

Time: 1.06.3.

Parl-mutuel, winner \$17.60; places, 1st \$9.70; 2nd \$12.70; 3rd \$18.50.

CASH SWEEP

No. 1160 \$1,486.80
" 1892 424.80
" 976 212.40

Unplaced runners (\$50 each); Nos.: 3927, 2080, 2094, 96, 2566, 3423, 252, 8421, 815, 1761, 108, 2769, 2310.

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Brussels, To-day.

Owing to repeated German air bombardments, several diplomatic representatives are preparing to leave the Belgian capital.—Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Amsterdam, To-day.

This situation in Holland is rapidly improving.

The new Dutch defence positions have not been shifted in spite of incessant attacks by German mechanised forces. All German onslaughts have been beaten off with severe loss.

Allied forces are reaching Holland in increasing numbers and British aircraft are now making use of Dutch air bases and assisting materially by constant bombing and machine-gunning of German troop concentrations. —Havas.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Paris, To-day.

The battle for mastery of the air is still regarded as the biggest issue in the struggle now being waged on the Western Front, though land forces are the armies now in contact along the whole front from Holland, through Belgium and Luxembourg to the Maginot Line, where activity is still impressive.

German planes continue to attack Allied aerodromes, railheads and lines of communication, but little damage has been done and yesterday, 150 bombers were shot down, 30 in France, 60 in Holland and 40 in Belgium.

In spite of the intense activity in the Low Countries, the Royal Air Force also made a heavy raid on Bergen during the early hours of yesterday morning, and the official report states that a German warship was hit and is believed to have sunk.

Eight German attempts to cross the Albert Canal yesterday were repulsed with severe losses.—Havas.

NOW WE UNDERSTAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Hague, To-day.

"Now we understand what Hitler means by honesty and chivalry," says the official Dutch statement on the wearing by Nazi parachutists and land troops of British, French, Belgian and Dutch uniforms, and of the placing by the Germans of Dutch prisoners in the front line.—Havas.

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